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INCORPORATED JULY 6, 1894.

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The Hills Family Genealogical and Historical Association was formed for the purpose of the collection, compilation and publication of such data and information as may be obtained concerning the genealogy and history of the Hills Family.

The second, third and fourth annual reports of its directors having been printed in full, and numerous requests having been received for copies of its first report, the following abstract given as a part of the proceedings of the annual meeting of June 4, 1895, has been, with slight additions, reprinted.

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Barnard Memorial Building,
Boston, June 4, 1895.

To the Members of the Corporation:

The most important work of this the first year of our organization has been the copying and systematic arrangement by our Senior Director, Mr. William Sanford Hills, of abstracts taken by the President, of all records in the registries of deeds and probate courts of Suffolk, Norfolk, Middlesex and Essex counties, and in the registries of births, marriages and deaths of the cities of Boston (including annexed districts) and Malden. The search for items indexed under our family name from the earliest dates was brought down to the close of the eighteenth, and, in a few cases, to a date in the present century.

The President visited England, without expense to the Corporation, last summer. He had no knowledge of the early home of William Hills in England previous to his coming to America in 1632, but he visited Maldon, Essex County, the residence of Joseph Hills from 1631 to 1638. A photograph and historical sketch of that place have been presented by him to the Association. Since his return he has received from Maldon copies of its records relating to Joseph Hills, his wife Rose and their children. The name in these records in some instances is spelled *Hills*, in others *Hylles* and *Hilles*, even when undoubtedly referring to the same person. This would indicate that the name was never Hill, and tends to sustain the theory of the President that the name was originally DeHelles,

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the family being located at Darant, Kent County, in 1289, where in the same parish, after various changes, it settled down into *Hills* as early as 1490.

Our Senior Director since January first has mailed blanks to six hundred persons of the Hills family, resident in all parts of the United States. From replies and other sources he has collected over fifteen hundred names of persons connected with or of the Hills name in generations of the past and present. These names and the information connected with them have been registered by him, and the greater part have already been placed in their proper line of descent. His index to this work makes immediate reference possible to any part of it.

It has been ascertained that the original will of Joseph Hills (died at Newbury, Mass., 1688) is still in existence. Mr. Arthur S. Campbell of Manchester, N. H., is its present owner. It is written on parchment, size 22x29 inches; it has fortunately escaped disaster and withstood the wear and tear of more than two hundred years. A copy in full of this interesting document may be found in the October, 1854, number of the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, or in Volume 8, page 309, of the bound copy of that book.

The Association has received descriptions of armorial bearings belonging to the Hills family. One supposed to date from about 1289, one held for many years in a family descended from William, of Roxbury and Hartford, and one known to have been held for many generations by descendants of Joseph, of Malden and Newbury, who resided on the farm which was his home until his death in 1688. No definite authority has yet been found that establishes the right of any American branch to either of these arms.

There has been filed with the Secretary extensive genealogical and interesting historical family data by the descendants of William Hills of Roxbury, 1632, and Hartford, 1636. All thus far received relates to his career in this country, but no one has been able to state from whence he came or where he resided previous to 1632. If any of his descendants can furnish this information it will be thankfully received.

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The Association has also received substantial family data from nearly one hundred persons, all of which has been carefully placed on file for future use. Several members and correspondents have sent very complete and extensive data neatly and systematically arranged.

The Association is especially indebted to Rev. John Dows Hills of Philadelphia, Henry H. Hills of Davenport, Iowa, William Smith Hills and Alfred K. Hills, M. D., of New York City, William Giles Hills, St. Louis, Mo., Warren Hills, Union, Maine, William H. Hills of Plaistow, Kimball Webster of Hudson, Miss Clarissa Hills of Nashua, Miss Sarah J. Hills of Chester, in New Hampshire, and Madam Anna Von Rydingsvärd of Boston.

The directors trust they may be able during the coming year to locate the residence (previous to 1632) of William Hills, in England, and request of his descendants all information or tradition relating to him. They will also make further investigations in England relating to the early line of other branches of the family if the funds at their disposal will justify the expenditure.

In giving this report the directors would call attention to the fact that any person connected with the Hills Family by descent or marriage, may become a member by signifying his or her desire to the clerk of the Corporation in writing, and the payment of membership dues; and that persons paying an annual fee of one dollar are regular members of the corporation.

For the Board of Directors,

THOMAS HILLS, *President.*

FIRST BOARD OF OFFICERS, 1894-5.

President, Thomas Hills. *Treasurer,* Richard Hills.

Secretary, Edwin M. Hills.

Directors, Thomas Hills, South Boston; Richard Hills, Boston; Edwin Miles Hills, Taunton; William Sanford Hills, Boston; William Nathaniel Hills, Boston; Joel Edward Hills, Newton; Miss Jennette Marion Morse, Franklin, Mass.

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HILLS FAMILY

Genealogical and Historical Association.

INCORPORATED JULY 6, 1894.

Second Annual Report of the Directors.

Barnard Memorial Building,
Boston, June 2, 1896.

To the Members of the Corporation:

The order of business at the annual meeting as determined by Article VIII of our By-Laws calls for a report from the Board of Directors, and in compliance with its provisions that body presents a synopsis of the work and incidents of the year which closes to-day.

On the 22d day of August last a re-union was held at Downer Landing, Boston Harbor. The members of the association were invited to attend and this invitation was extended to all of the name whose post office address could be ascertained by the committee of management. Between ninety and one hundred were present, some from distant states, and several who had not joined our organization were added to its members. A day all too short was enjoyed. The expense was met by a sale of tickets, and including as a part of the receipts the assessments for a year of those who united with us that day, the financial result was a profit to the treasury. And in this connection it may be proper to say, that while the report of

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your Treasurer will show that the money entrusted to us has been expended only for the current work of the association, it will not show the expenditure of very considerable amounts which have been contributed by those who have done much of the work of the year, not only without charge, but also without claim on the treasury for money actually disbursed.

At the last annual meeting our constitution and by-laws were amended to provide for a class of officers to be known as Corresponding Secretaries, who should be appointed by the Board of Directors, and under its supervision collect information in their respective districts. At very slight expense much valuable knowledge has already been obtained, and much more will undoubtedly be available for our purposes by the efforts of these agents of the association. Our secretary has furnished a list of their names and locations which is appended to this report.

The largest amount of work for the year has been performed by our life member William Smith Hills, ably assisted by his wife and for a few weeks by our lady director, who like our most valuable life member is a descendant of Samuel the son of Joseph the English emigrant of 1638. Mr. Hills, though now of New York, is a native of Georgia, and is a great grandson of Smith Hills [a son of Samuel] who removed from Newbury to Leominster in 1774. His months of labor has secured for us all that could be gathered in fields that were new, or gleaned in those that had been investigated in part by some of our associates. He has copied town, county, court, probate, land and church records of Newbury, West Newbury, Newburyport, Amesbury, Rowley, Salem and Leominster. Visiting his relatives in the last named town, he found in the possession of his distant cousin Mrs. Frances Hills Drake, very valuable data concerning the descendants of their common ancester.

He obtained her compilation, and the association has now information that will enable its officers to trace the line of descent of all, or nearly all, who are entitled to claim Smith Hills of Newbury and Leominster as their progenitor.

By most rare good fortune the same gentleman discovered and obtained for the association, subject to proper restrictions, a very valuable manuscript book of original entries in relation to business transactions, which was the property of Joseph Hills the English emigrant of 1638, and, as shown by its dates, was used by him from before 1627 to 1679. After his death in 1688 it was held by his son Samuel who was one of the executors of his will, and after his death in 1732, it was in possession of his son Smith Hills, who carried it from Newbury to Leominster in 1774 where it has been kept by his descendants till it passed into the possession of our life member. The book, valuable as an antiquarian relic, is beyond price to the association as its dates and references disclose times and places that suggest points for genealogical investigation, some of which have been used most advantageously for the purposes for which we are associated. The conditions attached to this most valuable gift by the donors are that it shall be deposited in a fire proof vault, and always be open to the inspection of any person on a written order of, or in the presence of any officer of our corporation; and that in case of the dissolution of the association, or its failure for five years to preserve an active organization, or if a majority of its directors ever become other than the descendants of Joseph Hills, the original owner of the book; then it shall be forever kept by the New England Historic Genealogical Society in trust for the purposes of that society and for the descendants of Joseph Hills. In accepting the gift of Mrs. Mary Hills Smith, Mrs. Frances Hills Drake, Mrs. Ellen Hills Knapp, Mrs. Emerson Whitney Hills, Mrs. Juliette Hills Yeaw, and Mrs. Kate Yeaw Pope all of

Leominster Mass., the Board of Directors met the first condition of the donors by placing the volume in the safe of the New England Historic and Genealogical Society, enclosed in a locked metalic box, the gift of our Honorary member and senior director William Sanford Hills.

The officers of the association although nearly all of them are in active business and busy men, have employed most pleasantly much of their leisure in its work. But special reference and thanks are due to two members of our Board upon whom the claims of business rest lightly, who have given their time and talents most liberally to our service.

Mention has already been made to part of the work of Miss Harriet N. Hills of Newburyport. In addition to assistance to her distant cousin our New York life member, her complete copies of the records of her vicinity leave nothing to be gleaned in the way of documentary evidence in or near the last home of the English emigrant, the ancestor of more than three quarters of our number.

Mr. William Sanford Hills commenced with the formation of the corporation the collection and compilation of data of the different branches of our family. He has added greatly to his list during the past year and now has classified about two thousand names, the descendants of Joseph Hills and has a considerable mass of information which has proved to be somewhat difficult of classification for want of connecting links in the family chain, in relation to the descendants of William Hills who came to this country in 1632 and removed to Connecticut in 1636. The descendants of this early resident in Roxbury and settler in Hartford are numerous, some of them are among the most valued members of our organization. The fact that a William Hill came to New England in 1632, that he resided in Dorchester [the adjoining town of Roxbury] till about 1636, when he removed to Connecticut settling at Windsor, which is only 6½ miles from Hartford, and that William of

Hartford as well as William of Windsor became prominent in the little communities on the banks of the Connecticut river, has led many to suppose that there was but one person of the name in the early Massachusetts settlements and in those of the adjoining Colony, who was sometimes recorded as William Hill and at other times as William Hills. This error has crept into town histories and genealogical publications. In one historical work that has been noticed by members of your Board, the wife of the man of Roxbury and Hartford is duly recorded as married to the man of Dorchester and Windsor. But as William Hills was made freeman in Roxbury May 14th 1634, and died at Hadley in 1683; and William Hill was admitted to freemanship in Dorchester, November 5, 1633, and died at Fairfield in 1649, it is hardly worth while to mention minor points of difference to prove that in the early days of New England there were two persons, whose names were strikingly similar, whose lives for nearly a score of years ran on parallel lines close together. But most important for our association, is the fact that each in his day was known the one as Hill and the other as Hills, and that the descendants of each carry their surnames in those forms in our times. The home place of William Hills in Old England is unknown. It is hoped that all who have knowledge of traditions in relation to it, or to the port of his departure from the mother Country will communicate their information to our secretary. A clue may be thus obtained connecting him with a branch of the family in old England.

Not the least important work of the year has been accomplished by our senior director and honorary member who has caused to be copied from the muster rolls at the State House, all of our name who served in the Continental Army or Navy, from Massachusetts, showing their terms of service and the company and regiment or vessel in which

they served. This work will enable many of our members to prove their eligibility to membership with the sons and daughters of the American revolution. All persons who are descendants of any of the name of Hills who were soldiers or sailors in the Revolution from this state are eligible to membership in this Association and any information in possession of its Officers will be furnished to its *members* on application. The fact that Mr. Hills has found his work for us a pleasant employment does not diminish his claim to our gratitude. But our especial thanks are due to him for his gift of an appropriate certificate for our honorary and life members. Following an ancient print, its vignette gives a view of Boston as it appeared from the harbor to William in 1632, and Joseph in 1638, when the ships that brought them from old England anchored before "Trimountain." The effect of the whole is so artistic, as to cause us all renewed regret that his total blindness deprives him of the satisfaction of knowing the entire success of the work done under his direction.

So far as known to your officers but one family in addition to those of William and Joseph Hills emigrated from England carrying that surname, previous to the present century. To that branch the President, Treasurer, and several members of our association belong. This line is from John Hills, born at Wye, Kent County, England, Sept. 23d, 1730 and buried in the adjoining parish of Ashford on New Year's day 1800. Five of his seven sons came to Boston between 1794 and 1806. His father, Joseph, was the son of Robert and Mary Hills and was baptized at Wye in 1698. He died at Woodchurch some 12 miles distant from his birthplace in 1767. Of the five brothers who came to New England, Richard and George died childless. William was the father of four boys and one girl. The daughter was the survivor of this branch

of the family; leaving at her death, no brother and no descendant of her father. The posterity of Joseph and Stephen are not numerous. They are scattered through the northern and western states of our Union from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast.

Occasionally the name from other branches is transmitted by our secretaries or other correspondents. Up to this time it has belonged to families who have recently left England, to recent emigrants, or their children. It is always desirable to obtain intelligence as to these possible additions to our membership; for even the latest arrival may be the progenitor of a numerous offspring and the first in America of a vigorous branch of our family. The most important information as to these new comers is the parish, town and county, in old England from which each emigrant came, and the next is his parentage, traced with as much detail as possible as to dates and locations. It is always possible to track the American offshoots to the English ancestor, but the lapse of time and each generation greatly increases the difficulty of tracing ancestry in the mother land.

Our report of a year ago told of a visit of your President in the summer of 1894, to Maldon, in Essex, from whence Joseph Hills emigrated with his family in 1638, and stated the fact that the records of the ancient church in that town showed that he resided there as early as 1631, in which year his son John was born.

The parish register also showed the birth of daughters Rebecca and Sarah, the first in 1634. Sarah was born in 1637 and died on the day of her baptism. A second son "Steven" was baptized on the 1st of May 1636.

At our last annual meeting your directors were able to state that it was clear that the ancestor of so many of our name in America resided in Maldon, from before the 21st of March 1631, till he sailed for New England. The fact

that two of his children Mary and Joseph were older than their brother John, and that the registers of Maldon were silent as to their birth, justified the inference that the family came to that town about 1630; and your directors were compelled to search for, or wait for, another clue for further investigation.

Suggestions as to new points of inquiry were found in the ancient book to which reference has been made. It was clear from the entries found therein, that some of our name who were connected with Joseph Hills by relationship or business were living at Ingatestone, and that his brother John died at Burnham, in the early part of the 17th century; and there were indications in a nearly obliterated word, that Joseph was of Billericay, before becoming a resident of Maldon. All these places were within a few miles of each other in Essex County, and inquiries were at once forwarded to the custodians of their records. We have yet to hear from the two first named towns, but the Rev. J. S. Winslow, Vicar of the parish of Great Burstead, in Billericay, promptly and kindly responded.

It appears that in "1629 August, Joseph Hills ye sonne of Joseph and Rose was baptised ye second day," and it also appears that on the 30th day of December 1627, a daughter was born to a household that carried our surname. What she was called, and what were the names of her parents, the faded record would not disclose. A tracing of the lines that were visible, left the imagination free to make them abbreviations of any names that might be desired.

Our surname is not common in our times in large cities. In a small English parish two hundred and seventy years ago, it is not likely that there were two families carrying our surname unless it had been located there for two or three generations. It is certain that Joseph and Rose Hills were living in Billericay in 1629. It is almost certain that

they were living there in the early days of their married life in 1627. An examination of the record by an expert would probably determine the question. An effort to trace the earlier residence, and parentage of these emigrants from old to New England, will be made during the coming year with a fair prospect of success.

Our association is so young that death has not yet removed any considerable proportion of our number, or if it has been diminished by this cause its membership is so scattered that intelligence of the decease of members has not reached our recording officer. But he has been obliged to report that during the past year, on the 25th of April last, Henry F. Hills joined the fathers of our race. He was a man of note in Amherst, which had long been his home. For many years he was a trustee of the Massachusetts Agricultural College which is located in that town; and his life and character have been an honor to our name.

Respectfully Submitted,

For the Board of Directors.

THOMAS HILLS, President.

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HILLS FAMILY
Genealogical and Historical Association.

INCORPORATED JULY 6, 1894.

Third Annual Report of the Directors.

Barnard Memorial Building,
Boston, June 1, 1897.

To the Members of the Corporation:

In accordance with the requirements of our by-laws, the directors report their proceedings for the year that closes to-day.

The routine business of the Association has been carried through its usual channels, with the result, that in the hands of our Senior Director, who has special charge of the work, more than two thousand names of the descendants of his ancestor, Joseph, are traced back to that English emigrant of 1638.

The search of ancient records and the compilation of returns from those who have answered our call for information, has resulted in a collection of not quite eight hundred names, traced to that of their common progenitor, William, the emigrant of 1632, and of nearly one hundred of those who are descended from the sons of John, of Ashford, Kent County, the earliest of whom emigrated to New England in 1794, to be followed by four brothers, who landed in Boston at various dates before July, 1806.

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Many partial lines are in his possession and the directors most earnestly urge all of our name, or connected with it by descent or marriage, to communicate by letter with our secretary, or with a corresponding secretary of their vicinity, giving not only data connected with their immediate families, but information as to the birth, marriage, or death of relatives, whose line of descent carries with it the name of Hills. This information should not be withheld, because it is supposed that it has already been communicated by others. Repetition is much more desirable than omission. And with what is known, should be sent the post-office address of anyone, who is thought to be able to supply additional information, or even tradition, in the line of our inquiries. It will be a matter of regret to many when our compilations shall appear in print, that their line of descent from the earliest known ancestor is broken, for want of one or more connecting links.

At the last annual meeting a statement was made of what was then known of the English ancestry of the three families who emigrated to New England before the beginning of the present century, and from whom all members of our Association claim descent. A promise was then given that "an effort to trace the earlier residence, and parentage of these emigrants from old to New England," would "be made during the coming year with a fair prospect of success."

Among the first acts of the government of the current year was the appointment of our Senior Director, Mr. William Sanford Hills, and the President, a committee with large powers "on foreign investigation." That committee at once proceeded to solve a problem that seemed impossible of solution.

Its effort was to find a competent expert, who, starting with the little information in relation to our family lines of two hundred and fifty years ago, which a year since was in our possession; would go to England and ascertain the parentage

and pedigree of our ancestors, for a compensation that could be paid from the money at their disposal, donated for work in that country, and which formed as nearly as may be one-half the amount of the three hundred and forty dollars in our treasury.

As related in our last report, the discovery in the possession of a descendant, of a manuscript book of original entries belonging to Joseph, the emigrant of 1638, that contained a nearly obliterated word, indicating the name of a town in Essex County, led to correspondence with the vicar of one of its parishes, which disclosed the place of his residence at the date when his eldest son was born.

Communications which remained unanswered were also sent to other places indicated by the entries in the ancient manuscript, as those with which its writer had family or business relations. It was too much to expect of the vicars of these parishes, that they would make exhaustive researches at the request of strangers, even when a moderate fee was promised in return for information as to any of our name. And then too, these gentlemen, however desirous to oblige correspondents, or add to their small salaries, are not expert readers of the script of three hundred or even two hundred years ago, in which the records, of which they are the custodians, were written. If proof were needed to support this statement, it could be given by simply relating that the vicar of Great Burstead was unable to decipher the baptismal record of the second child of Joseph Hills. The name of the little girl who subsequently became the wife of George Blanchard of Malden, and the given names of her father and mother, could not be read by him, although easily made out by an expert in reading ancient manuscript.

To a very limited extent, it seemed possible to make foreign investigation with the fund at the command of the committee,

and it was determined to first follow the line of parishes in Essex County indicated by the commercial transactions of the emigrant of 1638, in an effort to find the place of birth and parentage of Joseph Hills. The selection of this branch of inquiry may be justified by the fact that he was the ancestor of more than three-fourths of our members, and that the entire fund at the disposal of the committee was the gift of two of his descendants. The agents of the Association were fortunate in engaging the services of Mr. Lothrop Withington, of Newburyport, who was about to visit England on business that would require a residence of several months. His previous work in genealogical research had given him much experience in the reading of old English records. He sailed on the first of October, and before the month had closed, he had copied from the registers and forwarded, the place and date of the marriage of the parents of Joseph Hills, the record of his baptism, and of that of four of his sisters and one brother. The committee also received the equally important facts in relation to his marriage to Rose, his first wife, in July, 1624, and of the birth not only of his son Joseph, whose baptismal record was given in our report of 1896, but of his elder sisters, Mary and Elizabeth. The dates obtained, taken in connection with facts already in our possession, show that sometime between August, 1629, and March, 1631, Joseph and Rose Hills removed from Billericay to Maldon, from which place the emigration to New England occurred in 1638.

But all effort to find the place of birth or death, or the parentage of George Hills, the father of the early settler in Massachusetts, by local records failed. He evidently was the first of our name to settle in Billericay, and as its registers are silent as to his death, he undoubtedly left the place sometime after the birth of his daughter Martha, in June, 1611. All that had been discovered made it probable that he died not far from the place in which he had lived, and recourse was had to one

after another of the various ecclesiastical courts which contain the probate records of two centuries and a half ago; with the expectation that his will, or that of some of his relatives, would give information not only as to the place and date of his death, but also such as might indicate the course to be followed in efforts to trace his parentage.

This plan opened up a very wide field, and frequent reports as to its results, soon demonstrated that the Association was accumulating a great mass of valuable information in relation to our name and its origin, but that the English system, that requires the payment of fees, for the examination of what in this country, are public records, and an additional fee of considerable amount for the inspection of each unrecorded will, made its prosecution too costly for the fund at the committee's disposal. Recognizing that this work was general in its character and that it must necessarily include all branches of the family, the directors came to the assistance of the committee, and voted not only to expend in the English investigation, practically all the funds in the treasury, but authorized an appeal for special contributions to all of our name who could be addressed by mail.

That the work of our organization must be carried on, and the expenditures for the advantage of all the family, be met by the members of our Association, may be inferred from the fact that although over eight hundred persons were appealed to, the special contributions amounted to but $152.90, and that in the list of contributors, but four names can be found which are not included in our roll of less than one hundred members.

In our last report the credit for the largest amount of work and most important discovery of the year, was given to our life member, Mr. William Smith Hills, of New York. His continued ill health has deprived the Association of his active co-operation during the past year, but we can acknowledge with thanks his

generous response to the call of the committee, and a donation to its special contribution of nearly one-third of its amount. From the Association's treasury for foreign investigation, there has been drawn $345.97, making an expenditure that will appear in our Treasurer's report, of about $500. This however does not show the whole cost of the work. The members of the committee offered our agent special rewards for discoveries in special lines, with the result that its chairman gave a gratuity of $50, and the President one of $10, for what was accomplished at Great Burstead; and the chairman again responded to a call for another $50 for discoveries made and proofs to be furnished in relation to William, of Roxbury and Hartford, while his associate, confining his offer of an equal sum to discoveries in the line of his direct ancestors, has met a partial success by the payment of one-half the amount. In addition to this direct expenditure an implied obligation rests upon the Association. Mr. Withington was unwilling to stop his examinations at the call of the committee and notice that no more funds were at present available. He seemed so near important discoveries that he added a week's labor "at his own risk" of future payment, and his statement of his expenditures of "shilling fees" for a certain class of unrecorded wills, would have been met by the payment of $15 if the committee had been in possession of that sum.

For the amount already paid, the Association will in due time hold the abstracts of more than one thousand wills and some two or three hundred administrations of Hills estates; from which partial lines of descent can be constructed to quite remote times, which may in the future prove to be the direct line of ancestry to many of our name not now connected with our organization.

But before proceeding to state what has been accomplished in the three lines in which our members are immediately inter-

ested, a few more general observations may be permitted. Some ten years since, the investigations of your President led him to the conclusion that our name originated in Kent County, in southeastern England, the birthplace of his father in 1765. For the purposes of a re-union of the Franklin [Mass.] branch of our family, he wrote a paper in 1892, an excerpt from which is here given; "Edward Hasted, one of the historians of Kent, whose large and valuable work was published in 1778, gives an origin of the name which accounts for its being localized in the middle ages, and furnishes a reason for the fact that it is still common in this county, when it is rarely found in other parts of England. I quote his exact language. "About a mile southeasterly from Darant church is the hamlet of Helles Saint Margaret, commonly called Saint Margaret Hills. * * * * The manor afterwards came into the possession of a family called Hells, who had much land at Dartford and Ash, near Sandwich, and from them this place acquired the additional name of Hells, or more vulgarly Hills. One of them, Thomas de Helles, had a charter granted to him and his heirs, for his lands here and at Dartford, in the seventeenth year of Edward the first. One of his descendants, Richard Hills, for so the name was then spelt, was possessed of this manor of Saint Margaret Hilles about the begining of King Henry the VII. reign. He left one sole daughter and heir, Anne, who carried it in marriage to Henry Melbard." In "the General History of Kent," a preface to his main work, Hasted states, that "Gilbert de Hells, of Hells Court, in Ash, and of Saint Margaret Hells, in Darant, was sheriff in the thirteeth year of Edward III. * * who began his reign in 1326. He was a son of Bertram de Hells, Lieutenant of Dover Castle, under Reginald de Cobham."

On this statement of Hasted and on those found in other parts of his work, it is evident, that while Bertram and Gilbert

de Hells carried the name in that form, that another of the family, Henry de Helles, who was summoned to Parliament as one of the Knights of Kent, in the fourth and sixth years of the reign of King Edward III., retained it as it was written in the charter some forty years before he served as a member of the House of Commons in 1330. Here then we find the evidence that in about two hundred years, in the same family, while its members resided in the same parish, and in the same manor, the family name changed at least twice; that the name written Helles in King Edward's charter in 1289, became Hells about 1300; was so continued by the second of the family that we know to have carried the abbreviated surname in 1336; and settled into the form in which it is now used, as early as 1490; when the last male heir of the race, who was possessor of the manor that had been the home, and had remained in the name of the family for two hundred years, lived at "Saint Margaret Hills" with the "one sole daughter" through whom the estate passed into another name."

When it is remembered that our language had no settled orthography for a long time after the settlement of New England, and that any arrangement of letters that expressed the sound of any word was permissible, it is not strange that the ancient records scanned by our agent has disclosed twenty-three different spellings of our name. Alphabetically arranged the following list appears: Halis, Hallis, Halys, Thomas de Helles [6 Edward III.], John de Helles [8 Edward III.], Richard de Helles of Wye [47 Edward III.], Hell [1426], Hells [1595], Helle [12 Edward III.], Hellys [12 Edward III.], Hils, Hiles, Hilles, Hillis, Hills, Hillys [15 Henry VIII.], Hillz, Hyles, Hyelys, Hyllas, Hylles, Hylls, Hyllis, Hyllse, Hyllz.

The combinations of letters that look so strange to us gradually disappeared in the latter records, until in our day the name only appears as Hills or Hillis. That the spelling of the name

that would be most generally repudiated by members of our family, that of the testator of 1426, was that of one known as Hills, is evidenced by the act of the clerk who recorded his will, and corrected his too great abbreviation by inserting in the margin of the record what he deemed the proper combination to express the name by which the decedent was known in life; "Hyelys" was his idea of good form.

It is interesting to note that the researches of our expert tend to confirm the opinion that Kent is the place from which our name originated. All through his reports is the expression of his conviction that the records of the family run back to Southeastern England, and he soon settled into a belief that those of earliest date would be found in that county. In one of his recent letters he says, "When I once get all the Hills lines back safely into Kent, it will be a pleasure," and in his latest report he says that "as to William, of Hartford, his family is palpably, to my mind, an offshoot from Kent, in the same way as that of Joseph Hills [the emigrant of 1638]."

And now coming to statements of what has been accomplished in the three branches of the family with which our members are directly connected, that relating to the youngest as reckoned by the time of its transplanting to American soil, will first be presented.

At the time of our last annual meeting, the earliest known record of an ancestor of the President and Treasurer of the Association, and of their immediate relatives, was that contained in the register of Wye, concerning the baptism of Joseph, the son of Robert and Mary Hills, in September, 1698. A hasty inspection of the records of that ancient parish, which has been the home of those of our name for several centuries, disclosed the fact of the birth of an elder sister of the infant of that year, in 1680, while the probate records some ten miles distant revealed the will of their father who died in 1718,

leaving five sons and one daughter. Very strong collateral evidence seems to indicate his birth at a place some fifteen miles from Wye, and the death of his father in his minority in 1659. Equally strong but not conclusive evidence, which seems to be confirmatory of a tradition of this branch of the family, appears to connect its members with a parish in central Kent, and through its residents, with another in the northern part of the county, in which members of the branch to which Joseph, of Maldon in old, and Malden in New England, also appear to have been residents. But a closer inspection of the records of Wye, and a special effort to trace the descendants of Robert Hills of that parish, who married Joan Harvey in 1618, must be made before the information now in the committees possession can be accepted as the best attainable.

In the line of Joseph, the emigrant of 1638, much of what has been accomplished has already been outlined. The search through the recorded and unrecorded wills in some twenty ecclesiastical courts for districts in Southeast England, has given much collateral evidence that tends to show the family connection of George, the father of Joseph Hills, and a line of investigation for his parentage that might be successfully followed. The will of John Hills, who died in 1645, with no wife or children, and with father and mother still living, discloses the fact that he had brothers, Thomas and George. The natural inference would be that the testator and his brothers were young men, and the George referred to not old enough to have been married fifty years before his brother's death. The will of another John Hills, who was survived by a son George, appears in an Essex County court, and is of a date when the all important George was a minor. This line needs further investigation.

But the evidence that points most strongly to the immediate connections of the father of the emigrant is the will of a wifeless and childless William, of the same business as that followed

by him, who left to his nephew Daniel, a sum in trust to pay an annuity to his brother George. That nephew, as appears by the will of his father, was the son of John Hills. These testators were of London. The will of the former was dated in 1593, that of the latter in 1587. They were persons of considerable property for those times, with probable distant connections by marriage with Winthrop and other leading families among the early New England settlers. The will of a John Hills of a parish just over the Essex border, dated in 1583, shows a large family of children and grandchildren; among them a son Richard, who, when the will was made, had six sons of whom three were named George, William and John. The fact that William, of London, was childless, and his brother John the father of but four children, indicate birth years that make it possible that this will discloses the father, grandfather and great grandfather of the emigrant of 1638. Further investigation would probably determine what is now only a probability.

A year since nothing was known as to the English home of William Hills, who came to New England and settled in Roxbury in 1632, removing to Hartford four years later. A bare tradition as to the port from which he sailed, and the name of the ship in which he embarked, was the only connection of his name with the land of his birth. Not much more is known at this time, but by the method of search to which our agent was compelled, a series of wills read in connection with records of the early days in New England, make it almost certain that the neighborhood, if not the place of his birth, and his family connections have been discovered. An inspection of the parish records of the vicinity to which the documentary evidence points is needed for its confirmation.

These brief statements are outlines only. The committee have, or will have, full detail of every record taken as to name, place, date and event. Such detail as is now available has not

been given for the obvious reason that to the extent that information of this character is imparted, the sale of the genealogy of the family, which we trust will be printed at no distant day, will be diminished. Upon the sale of that work we must rely for the fund to meet the expense of its preparation and publication.

But even the sketch of what has been accomplished must suggest to the Association the disappointment of the committee, and our agent at being compelled by lack of money to stop investigation, when each of these three branches seemed to need but little more effort to produce important results. What time would be required to follow out the several lines of investigation indicated by the knowledge already gained, and what would be the probable expense, of course, in work of this class, cannot be closely estimated.

As to the first element in the problem, it should be stated that to obtain the services of our expert at the reasonable rates at which he has been willing to give his time and skill, we cannot require continuous work; we must share his time with other employers. But within six months after investigations are resumed, and at an expense of four or five hundred dollars, may be considered fairly approximate estimates. Shall that sum be raised, and while Mr. Withington remains in England can we have the advantage of the information he has acquired, which, if a stranger is finally employed, must be again acquired at our expense?

There is but one alternative,—the slow accumulation of our yearly subscriptions till a fund that will justify a resumption of the work has been secured. This method would not only be more expensive than present prompt action, but would delay the publication of the genealogy of the family for some years, perhaps beyond the time when some of those who have given most liberally of time and labor and money to our work, have

been dropped from the roll of our Association and added to that which begins with our earliest known ancestors.

One of our members whose physical infirmity might be the sufficient excuse for abstaining from all effort, but who stands at the head of our active members, sees so clearly the advantage of completing our foreign investigation at an early date, that he has authorized the statement that he will give one hundred dollars for the work, provided the sum of four hundred dollars is subscribed by others. All subscriptions to be void, unless, including his own gift, the full amount of five hundred dollars is pledged before the first day of October next.

The directors most earnestly hope that no member, or any other person interested in the purposes of our organization, will hesitate to send a subscription to this fund because only a small amount can be spared. The committee, in the special contribution of January last, received with pleasure a donation of forty cents from a widow in the far west, and we trust that our Secretary* may welcome and acknowledge many small sums from those from whom it would be unreasonable to expect larger amounts.

All who may intrust the Association with their gifts may be sure that no part of the amount is received, directly, or indirectly, by any of its members in the form of salary or otherwise. From its organization all services of its officers and members have been given without other remuneration than the pleasure of doing its work and advancing its interests.

Respectfully submitted,

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To the Members of the Corporation:

The directors of the Association, in accordance with the provisions of its by-laws, report their proceedings for the year which ends with this annual meeting.

The routine business by correspondence with our Secretary and Senior Director has resulted in placing in the hands of the last-named officer, who is specially charged with the work, nearly one thousand names traced to that of their ancestor, William Hills of Roxbury and Hartford, the emigrant of 1632, and nearly five hundred others, undoubtedly of the same descent, which require additional data to show continuous lines.

The compilations from old records and returns made by our corresponding secretaries and others have put us in possession of over two thousand names of descendants of Joseph Hills, of Malden and Newbury, which can be followed through all the generations to that emigrant of 1638. The names of several hundred others of this branch of the family are in broken lines, and must so remain until information can be obtained that will supply the missing links.

As in former years, we again urge all of our name, or connected with it by marriage, to forward at once to our secretary

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or to local corresponding secretaries complete or even partial lists of those of their immediate families or near relatives who are not already enrolled with our officers as descendants of some one who has carried our surname. In making this request we recognize that repeated calls of this character, and the efforts of our local correspondents, which we ask may be again renewed, have given us nearly all the knowledge we may expect to receive in answer to such appeals for information.

Much valuable data has already been obtained by a systematic search of the land and probate records of Suffolk, Norfolk, Essex and Middlesex counties in Massachusetts. It is in contemplation to make similar investigations at the shire towns of the counties of southern New Hampshire, Vermont, southeastern and central Massachusetts, and those districts in Connecticut where it is known that during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries descendants of both the early emigrants of our name settled. Such a search would undoubtedly unite many of our broken lines, and give the information that would connect the names of children and grandchildren with those of their ancestors of the second or third generation who are known to us, and also those of later birth whose immediate progenitors settled just beyond the reach of the recording officers of districts where the name had become localized.

The third branch of our race in which our organization is interested may be termed that of John Hills [1733-1799], of Ashford, in Kent, five of whose seven sons landed in Boston during the last decade of the eighteenth and the first decade of the present century. His only descendants known to be in America trace to him through his sons Joseph and Stephen. We have the record of nearly a hundred of them traced to Robert, of Wye, in Kent, the grandfather of their common

progenitor. The transplanting of this branch from old to New England has been so recent that the offshoots whose names are not in our possession can be put in their proper places whenever inquiries are made giving name of the grandfather. and probably in every case where the surname remains Hills, with only the given name, place and date of birth of a father.

At the invitation of Dr. Alfred K. Hills, of New York, on the 31st of July last, the members of the Association enjoyed a delightful excursion and reunion at his country seat, "Alvirne," in Hudson, New Hampshire. The land of the beautiful estate was once the property of his ancestor Joseph, and is near the five hundred acres at "Dunstable" given to that emigrant of 1638 by the Massachusetts Bay Colony in consideration of his services in compiling the first codifications of its laws. The speeches were few, the musical selections with songs and recitations by some of our members were good, the family table was well supplied, the governor of the state graced the occasion with his presence, and the day was heartily enjoyed by all.

The early land records show that Joseph Hills, then of Charlestown, sold land in what is now Cambridge or Arlington to Henry Dunster, the first president of Harvard College. An item in the president's will has led many of the descendants of the emigrants to claim Dunster ancestry through Rose Hills, his first wife, who died at Malden March 24, 1650. The language of the will upon which the claim has been based seems to justify it. "Concerning my daughter Elizabeth my mind and will is, that she shall be at the disposing of her mother during her life in her minority, and, in case of my wive's death, then to live with my sister Mrs. Hills of Malden." The fact that this will was dated Feb. 8, 1658, nearly eight years after the death of Rose Hills, and at a time when Joseph of Malden

was living with his third wife, who before marriage was Hellen Atkinson, would seem to be conclusive against the validity of the claim. But, nevertheless, the question, was the maiden name of Rose Hills;—Dunster has been debated, and the claim of her decendants to Dunster descent continues to be made. An article in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register for April, 1895, written by our senior director, embodies the facts known at that date.

Evidence in possession of our Association clearly shows that whatever may have caused President Dunster, in 1658, to refer to the "Mrs. Hills of Malden" as his sister, that her predecessor in that designation was never Rose Dunster. The register of the parish of Great Burstead, Billericay, Essex, contains the following entry: "1624 July, Joseph Hills and Rose Cleerke ware married the 22d day."

Investigations began for our organization in October, 1896, by Mr. Lothrop Withington, an expert genealogist, and which are still in progress, have disclosed much interesting information in relation to a family of Clarke, connected by marriage with a daughter-in-law of Richard Hills, the "Master of the Guild of Merchant Taylors of London," whose children were contemporary with George, the father of Joseph Hills, and probably related to him. But the information is not sufficiently definite to establish relationship, or to more than suggest that Rose Clarke was related to the Sir Robert Clarke who died in 1607, and who about 1587 married Catherine, the widow of Barnabas, the son of Richard Hills.

In former reports reasons have been given for the opinions that the name Hills originated in Kent, and the limited investigations that Mr. Withington has been able to make during the past year have tended to strengthen that view. In a letter dated April 30 he forwarded a copy of the will of Christopher

Hills of Wye, in that county, dated in 1528, and he closes a previous communication with the statement that he wanted "to get the whole Hills tribe safely back into little Wye, whence I believe they first began to sally forth upon an unsuspecting world, to bother perplexed genealogists."

In another communication he gave the evidence of what he considers the offshoot of the lines of William and Joseph, the emigrants of 1632 and 1638 from Kent to Essex. With reference to book and page of the probate record, he states his belief that he has "at last got hold of the Kentish connection of the Hillses in Essex." He then gives an abstract of the will of "John Hillys of Aldyington, Kent, Parker," (Keeper of the Park of Aldington) dated April 28, 1505, proved at Canterbury two months later. Condensing this abstract, the substance of it is as follows: To his brother Christopher he gives a money legacy, a "gelding" and one of his "gunnes." His brother Oliver receives money and his "best gown and doublet," and his brother Edward is to have his "gray ambling nagge and" his "bow and arrows." The testator adds, "I will Christopher my brother shall sing and say masses for my soule and all Christian soules, by the space of half a yeare, and to have therefore five marks sterling."

His wife Johan and brothers Christopher and Oliver were made executors of the will, "John Orond parson of Norton, brother Edward and William Weston" to be overseers. In regard to compensation for services, he provided in part in these words, "my brother the parson and my brother Weston, to be rewarded by my wife."

The reasoning of the genealogist as to the Kentish-Essex connection is evidently founded on his knowledge that the brother Edward referred to in the will of 1505 died in 1518 at Ingatestone, Essex, only three miles from Great Burstead, mentioning in his will his brother Christopher, the priest, and the

fact that, although he did not find the birth or baptismal record of William, the emigrant of 1632, at High Ongar, the birthplace of his wife, he "did find that a hitherto undiscovered Weston Hills had more progeny than any other Hills there."

This interesting will certainly proves that the testator had a brother, styled "gentleman" in probate proceedings, who was settled in Ingatestone nearly a century before Joseph Hills, the emigrant of 1638, was born in the adjoining parish of Great Burstead. We also know by entries made in the old book described in our second report* that Joseph had relatives living in Ingatestone in the year in which he emigrated to New England.

The unusual name of Weston prefixed to our surname justifies the supposition that "brother Weston" was a brother-in-law of John of Aldington, and that some of the family into which he married had named a child for him, and that Weston Hills, of High Ongar, and Edward Hills, of Ingatestone, had a common Kentish ancestor.

The natural inference follows that as William Hills is probably of the branch of the family that settled in the vicinity of the first named parish, and Joseph Hills of that branch that located in the neighborhood of that other Essex parish in Billericay, that the emigrants of 1632 and 1638 were each descendents of a common ancestor in a progenitor of John Hillys of Aldington.

This relationship, if it existed, is so important that another indication of it will be given. In an Essex county parish near High Ongar a William Hills died in 1627. There is some reason to believe that it can yet be proved that he was the father of the emigrant of 1632. About 1650 a Richard Hills died in the same parish. To the will of one, Thomas King affixed his name as a witness; he was overseer of the will of the other. Between the dates when these wills were probated, in

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*Report of June 1896, page 3.

the same county, in 1645, John Hills, of Burnham, a brother, it is believed, of Joseph, the emigrant of 1638, died intestate, and in the administration of his estate Thomas King again appears, in this case as bondsman. As the wife of John Hills was Susan King, it is easy to account for the connection of a probable brother-in-law with the settlement of his estate; and the connection of Thomas King with all three estates would be natural and easy to understand, if the three decedents were related. The only alternative to the theory of relationship between the emigrants of 1632 and 1638 suggested by the appearance of this name in the settlement of all these estates, is that of a most remarkable coincidence.

The theory that the connection of the name of King indicates relationship between the descendents of the branch that settled near High Ongar, and that which located in the vicinity of Great Burstead, hinges on the identity of John Hills, of Burnham, with that brother of Joseph, the emigrant, who was born at Billericay November 16, 1606.

We know by the entries made by the elder of these two brothers in the ancient account book already referred to, that John, the son of George and Mary Hills, was living in Burnham, which is only twelve miles distant from Maldon, the home of Joseph, March 8, 1632, or just preceding that date. The histories of Essex county show that less than fifty years ago this place, with an area of 5,523 acres, had only 1,869 inhabitants. The extreme improbability that, as a resident of Burnham two centuries and a half ago, one John Hills could have lived for the considerable time shown by his business transactions, and have settled or died elsewhere, and been succeeded in the same parish by one of precisely the same name, would seem to be conclusive as to the question of identity. But, assuming the identity, the marriage to Susan King, whose family was of the gentry entitled to bear arms,* is another very strong indi-

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*Visitations of Essex Harleian Society for 1879, part 2.

cation of the relationship of the father of John Hills to the prosperous branch of the family located in London.

The inferences pointing to relationship between those of our name who in the first half of the seventeenth century were located in London, High Ongar, Billericay and Burnham, receive some slight assistance from the fact that the will of Sir Robert Clarke discloses that he had a son-in-law named King, and that Stephen King was a witness to the will of Daniel Hills, the brother of Barnabas, both of the last-named being sons of Richard Hills, the master of the merchant taylors of London.

But it is certainly premature to more than state these facts and suppositions, while the birthplace and parentage of the earlier emigrant to New England are unknown, and while we know of no incident in the lives of George and Mary, the parents of the latter emigrant, that precedes their marriage in October, 1596.

But turning from inferencss and deductions, we give in some detail the facts that are known of an ancestor of the descendants of William Hills, of Roxbury and Hartford, concerning whose immediate ancestors nothing definite has yet been ascertained. His father-in-law was Richard Lyman. The published genealogy of that name states that he was baptized at High Ongar, a parish about twenty-five miles northeast of London, October 30, 1580; that emigrating to New England he brought with him five children, among them Phillis, who was baptized in the parish of his birth, Sept. 12, 1611, and that he died at Hartford, Connecticut, in 1640, leaving by his will a legacy to "Fillis, the wife of William Hills."

With his family "he sailed from Bristol, England, in the ship Lion, in company with the wife and oldest son of Governor John Winthrop, of Massachusetts, and sixty other passengers, and on the fourth of November, 1631, they landed at

Boston." Governor Winthrop's journal shows that among the other sixty passengers was "Mr. Eliot," the apostle to the Indians.

It is not probable that William Hills was married in England or was on the ship that arrived in Massachusetts Bay in November, 1631. There is but little doubt that he was a fellow-passenger with the intended wife of John Eliot, who came in the Lion on the voyage that terminated in September, 1632.

The record commissioners of Boston in their sixth report print in full "The Rev. John Eliot's Record of Church Members, Roxbury, Mass." In that record Elliot speaks both of "Mr. John Eliot" (himself) and "Richard Lyman" in identical words "he came to N. E. in the 9t. month." But of William Hills his record is "he came over in the yeare 1632, he married Phillice Lyman, the daughter of Richard Liman, he removed to Hartford on Conecticott." His wife's record reads as follows: "Phillis Lyman, the daughter of Richard Lyman, she came to the Land with her father ano. 1631. * * * She was married to William Hills and lived with him at Hartford on Conecticott."

The good minister would not have made such a record of William Hills and his wife if he had been his fellow-passenger on the Lion, or had been married at the time of his emigration.

In the early days of the New England settlement marriage ceremonies were always by a civil magistrate. The church records are consequently useless in this connection. Prior to 1640 but few marriages were recorded in Roxbury. Careful examination of the few that are of record enables the statement to be made, that if the marriage of William and Phillis took place in that town there are no public or church records to prove it. There can be, however, but little doubt that when William Hills landed in New England he settled in Roxbury

rather than in the larger Boston, three miles distant, that he might be with old friends and neighbors who were of Eliot's church. "When the great removall was made to Conecticot," in 1635 and 1636, it is certain that Richard Lyman and his son-in-law became residents of the new colony; and it is not improbable that William and Phillis Hills were unmarried at that date, and that their family life began at Hartford.

At the time of our last report the latest date at which we had record of the residence in Billericay of George, the father of Joseph Hills, the emigrant of 1638, was that of the birth of his daughter Martha, in that place, in June, 1611. Our agent has found among records relating to land transfers a bond in which "Georgius Hills de Billericay," with two others, in the penal sum of £100, bind themselves to execute a chancery judgment. The instrument fixes his residence in the parish of "Burstead Magna" as late as 1612.

This is the only definite advance in the line of Joseph Hills that has been made during the past year; but we can add that considerable inconclusive collateral evidence has been accumulated that may become important in further investigations as to his ancestry.

No advance that will justify any statement beyond a conjecture has been made since our report of June, 1897, in that branch of the family designated as of John, of Ashford, in Kent.*

It must be obvious that though it has not been difficult to show that much valuable work has been accomplished in the year that has just closed, that progress equal to that of the two preceding years has not been made, either in the domestic or foreign field.

Further investigations of early land and probate records for a part of New England have already been outlined. They will be as thorough as our limited means will allow.

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*See Second Report, page 6, and Third Report, page 9.

For our foreign work the sketches that have been given illustrate the conditions affecting our three lines, and those conditions and the probability of important discoveries that would result from following the clews they indicate, have caused your directors to sympathize strongly with our expert in the disappointment he expresses because he can "not have a free hand just now, to run all these things to earth." We would gladly have given him his wished-for opportunity had the money been at our disposal to compensate him for continuous services. A small sum specially contributed for foreign work was available when the committee in charge of that branch of our investigations were reluctantly compelled to suspend, for a while, further action. But the directors again aided the committee, and, adding all the money remaining in the treasury for general purposes in September last, forwarded $75 to our agent, with instructions to use his own discretion as to the line of his further investigations, and give notice when, at such compensation as he deemed reasonable, the fund was exhausted. If any proof were needed to show Mr. Withington's personal interest in our work, it could be found in the fact that all that has been accomplished during the year in Old England has been paid for from this last remittance, and the notice that our transatlantic work must stop has not yet been received.

In our foreign investigations over $700 have now been expended. More than one half that amount has been the gift of two of the directors and one life member, and the proportion contributed by one director was so small that the only considerable donations that have been at the disposal of the committee having charge of the work have been the gift of two of our number. But the life of our generous life member has ceased. The entry, "died," that rivets each link in a genealogical chain, has been made for him; and we must, estimating

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the probabilities of the future by the experiences of the past, say that our foreign work, if it is in any way to be continued, must be upon some other basis than that on which it has heretofore progressed. Fortunately, our expert has during the past year been employed by others, and his method has been to examine, as he went from place to place, all indexes and calendars for Hills items, and to stop at those locations where our work required examinations.

While he remains in England, we trust that our treasury (after meeting current expenses), or special contributions for foreign investigation, will enable us to give him such moderate compensation as will allow this important work to continue, with the certainty that we shall gain much valuable information, and the reasonable probability that the lines of our English grandfathers can be traced to a common ancestor.

That at least so much material aid can be given, let members promptly forward their annual assessments, and use their best efforts to influence all eligible to membership to join our Association and assist in a work that is of interest to all of our name or lineage.

But such moderate compensation as our treasury can afford can hardly be expected to secure the services of a trained genealogist, who is met at almost every inspection of what should be public records by a demand for official fees.

Our agent is a descendant of Joseph, of Malden and Newbury, and I can confidently say that a discovery in the line of his ancestry, of special importance and accepted as such by our directors, will be recognized by a special contribution solicited from his descendants.

For a similar discovery and recognition in the line of John, of Ashford, the president, one of his descendants, while he cannot, from the little band that represents that branch in America, promise a contribution that shall equal that of their

distant cousins, pledges a donation to our genealogist of respectable amount.

Who among our members will lead, under the same conditions, the descendants of William, of Roxbury and Hartford?

On the 26th of March last, there passed from this life our most valuable life member, William Smith Hills. He was descended from George and Mary Hills, who were married by general license of the Bishop of London, October 13 1596. They were the parents of Joseph, the emigrant of 1638, and our friend traced his descent from the second wife Hannah, whose first husband was Edward Mellows, and whose maiden name was Smith; the line from the settler of Malden and Newbury being: Joseph, 1602-1688; Samuel, 1652-1732; Smith, 1706-1788; Smith, 1763-1816; Dennis, 1800-1868. The last-named was born in Leominstér, Mass., but early in life settled in Georgia, where at the time of his death he held the office of clerk of the court for the county in which he lived.

The genealogists, through this Georgia branch, will in the future trace many of the name, as our life member was the eldest of six sons who lived to manhood.

Our associate was also a member of the New England Historic and Genealogical Society, and the student of our lines will find in the Register of that Association, in a life sketch, all needed information of a genealogical nature.

He was born on Silver Creek, Floyd County, Georgia, November 4 1837. Educated at the South, he studied for his profession in the Law School of Harvard University, graduating in 1860. The next four years were spent in Europe. Returning to his native state, he married in September 1865, Mary Cleghorn. The mention of this accomplished lady recalls to the remembrance of every member of our board the zeal and ability with which she assisted her husband in the great work he did for us in 1895.

From 1865 to 1872 Mr. Hills practised law in Rome, near the place of his birth, and in St. Louis from 1872 to 1881. In the line of his professional duties, an important case carried him to El Paso in Texas, where he found opportunities that gave his business abilities full scope for nearly ten years, when failing health compelled him more and more to seek other localities. Surrendering at last the management of his business affairs to agents, he could not be idle. Work in the line of our investigations was congenial to him, and he had it in contemplation to write of the life and public services of his ancestor, the English emigrant of 1638. What his health permitted him to do for us he gladly did, and every call for needed financial aid brought from him a ready and generous response.

The last weeks of his life, and until he was confined to his bed, were spent in tracing his line of descent through the ancestors of his mother. It must have been a great satisfaction to him to know that the mother of his children could skilfully pursue the work he was compelled to leave unfinished, and that their son and daughter would ultimately receive an ancestral record, many of its lines being the sole work of their parents. His associates who have been joined with him in forwarding the interests of this Association, will hold him in grateful remembrance.

It only remains to pay our tribute of respect to one other member who has fallen from our ranks. George Dennis Hills died at Lowell, Mass., April 15 1898. He was born in Stirling, Mass., in July 1828, married to Jennie (Brewster) Bullard at Boston, July 1853. He was the son of Henry Smith Hills, born at Leominster, August 13 1805, and of Mary Baker Pollard. The marriage of these parents took place November 1 1827, and the death of Mr. Hills occurred at Cambridge, Mass., July 28 1887. He was the son of Smith Hills, who was born

at Leominster, Sept. 20 1763, and died in that town September 23 1816. This record shows that George Dennis and William Smith Hills were cousins.

The published notices of his death indicate that the elder of these kinsmen had been a resident of Lowell for more than forty years; that as a member and officer of Sunday school and church organizations, and in upright business relations, he served his fellow-men from his young manhood to old age, gaining the regard of many friends and the respect of the community in which he lived.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Board of Directors,

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Fifth Annual Report of the Directors.

Barnard Memorial Building,
Boston, June 6, 1899.

To the Members of the Corporation :

The directors of the Association, in compliance with its by-laws, submit the fifth Annual Report.

The routine business of the year passing through the hands of the Secretary and Senior Director has added more names to those previously collected, which have supplied missing links; made completed genealogical chains and have also added to partially constructed lines.

In the possession of the director who has had special charge of the work from the begining, are more than three thousand names traced to their ancestors, William Hills, the emigrant of 1632; Joseph Hills, the emigrant of 1638; and the sons of John Hills [grandson of Robert], who came from Ashford, in Old to Boston in New England, at various dates between 1794 and 1806.

Many hundred names are in uncompleted lines, waiting for the needed information to connect them with those of their English emigrant ancestor.

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We once more ask all of our name or connected with it by marriage who may read this report, if they have not already filed a list of their family and parentage with our Secretary or one of our Corresponding Secretaries, to do so at once, if possible, but not to delay the transmission, in any event, beyond the closing month of the present year.

And we also ask them to urge their relatives to the performance of a like duty; for it is a duty which they owe to parents and ancestors, to preserve their names from oblivion, and to their children and children's children, that they may know that their lineage connects them with an ancient name that has been honorably carried, not only in our own land, but in the nation from which we have received our language and our laws.

And we again ask our Corresponding Secretaries to renewed efforts in their respective districts, to induce those who should give but have not yet given this information, to at once put them in possession of it.

Any form of statement or method of listing will answer our purpose; or the ordinary language of a letter will serve to convey the needed intelligence, which will be copied upon the forms of the association.

During the past year abstracts of Hills' deeds and probate proceedings recorded in the southerly counties of New Hampshire have been taken. They contain valuable information. During the year that opens to-day, it is expected that examinations at county seats of districts where the family name was localized in olden times, and the inspection of certain town records, will, when the abstracts of the year are added to those already possessed, give our organization practically all the information concerning our name, which is of public record in New England for the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

It is a matter for congratulation that since our last meeting "The History of Malden, Massachusetts, 1633-1785, by Deloraine Pendre Corey" has been published by its author, a member of our Association, a descendant of Joseph Hills, the Emigrant from Maldon, England, in 1638. He traces his line to Mary, eldest child of Joseph and Rose [Clark] Hills, who married the John Waite referred to by the emigrant in his will of 1687, as "my sonne Wayte." From its pages those who

trace their ancestral line to either the father or son-in-law, can read the record of their public service, and learn that "each in his time was Speaker of the House of Deputies," and that "for a period of thirty-four years, from the incorporation of the town until the elder had removed and the younger had been stricken with blindness, they were the only representatives of the town at the General Court."

Not only the direct descendants of these worthy men but all of our name, will be proud to know that the fame of Joseph Hills as the working member of the committee "to bring the lawes of the County in order," has been so clearly established by his descendant, that no one will hereafter fall into the error that entrapped able reviewers, and claim for another the honor of the compilation of 1648; the "Lawes and Libertyes of Massachusetts Bay; the first printed code of enacted laws in New England." Our Senior Director caused twenty-one pages of Mr. Corey's valuable work, the chapter entitled "Joseph Hills and John Wayte," to be reprinted, and sent it as his gift to all of the name known to him as able to trace their lineage to his and their common ancestor. A copy of the pamphlet was also sent to all our historical and genealogical associations whose location he could determine and to many public libraries.

Rose Clark, the first wife of Joseph Hills, died March 24, 1650. Her sons, who lived to manhood, were Joseph and John, born in England, the elder in 1629, the younger in 1631, and Gershom, born in Charlestown in 1639. John died unmarried in 1652. Joseph married November 24, 1653, Hannah Smith, whose death followed that of her husband in less than three months from his decease in April, 1674. Their sons were Ebenezer, John, Samuel and Joseph. John died unmarried.

Nothing is known concerning Joseph beyond the fact that he was born July 3, 1674, eight days before his mother's death, and that in 1685 his grandfather secured to him his portion of his father's estate.

Ebenezer died in 1727, leaving a son, Ebenezer, born April 23, 1719, and two daughters. There are no records known to be in existence concerning this son, except that November 5, 1772, he married Hannah Porter, of Malden, that in 1774, while an

"innholder" of Medford, he sold an estate he bought in October, 1772, to Jonathan Porter of that town; and that his wife died in Malden, August 7, 1785. The record of this death is in such form as to indicate that he was living at that date.

All known descendants of Joseph [son of Joseph and Rose] and Hannah [Smith] Hills, trace their line to that of his father, the emigrant of 1638, through Samuel, their third son.

Gershom married November 11, 1667, Elizabeth Chadwick, and had sons Ebenezer and Benjamin. Of the former there are no records in possession of the Association that show more than that he existed, and that with his brother he bought and sold land in Malden; the earliest of the joint transactions being in 1702, the latest in 1706; showing a probable birth date for either, not later than 1680. In the joint deed of 1706, both brothers appear to have been unmarried. It is certain that in that instrument no wife's signature released dower. The date of Benjamin's birth and of his marriage to his wife, Mary, are both unknown. His eldest daughter was born April 2, 1710. Her brother Benjamin, who died childless in 1737, was her senior; born probably about 1708.

One other son, Thomas, born April 25, 1719, was the father of seven sons, all born in Malden.

But two Benjamins and one Nathan died young. John died in 1787, leaving but one son, who died at the age of sixteen. Ebenezer was born in 1748. The division of his father's estate in 1812, makes no mention of sons, but shows that his "heirs" received their portion, and that he was "late of Savannah, Georgia." Thomas, who married Hannah Tufts, September 6, 1796, was a physician and resident of Boston when his father's estate was divided. The son remaining to be accounted for, a second Nathan, must so continue as to descendants bearing his surname. No record subsequent to that of his birth, June 27, 1761, is known to exist.

There are no papers in possession of the Association or to the knowledge of its directors elsewhere, that disclose the existence of a single person of our name, who traces his descent from Gershom, the first born in New England of the children of Joseph and Rose Hills.

The only possibility of the name of Hills being carried by

any of the descendants of Gershom, is through Ebenezer, Thomas or Nathan, his great-grandsons.

Joseph Hills, June 24, 1651, married for his second wife, Hannah, the widow of Edward Mellows. Before her death, about 1655, she added three children to his household, Samuel, Nathaniel, who died in infancy, and Hannah.

Samuel Hills was born in Malden, in 1652, married May 20, 1679. Abigail Wheeler, and died at Newbury in 1732. Of his oldest son, Samuel, the only record known is that he was born February 16, 1680; and that he was mentioned as one of the nine sons who were living at the date of their father's will in 1732. Ten other sons attained manhood and married. Their descendants are numerous. The youngest, born in 1705, bore the somewhat unusual name of Smith Hills. The natural inference that in some way the name of Smith was connected with that of the family, has been proved to be correct. Hannah Smith was the wife of Joseph Hills, junior, and must have been well known to her brother-in-law, Samuel, who was twenty-two years old when she died in 1674. But although this statement might easily be accepted as the reason that the infant of 1705 was called Smith Hills; yet there is little doubt that he was named for his grandmother, who, before her marriage to his father's father, was the widow of Edward Mellows, and whose maiden name was also Hannah Smith.

The proof of this statement is found in the will of her brother, Nathaniel Smith, for some time a resident of Massachusetts, who died in England, and whose will was probated in Middlesex County, probably London, as the larger part of that city is in that shire. By that instrument, an abstract of which can be found in the New England Register, Vol. 38, page 417, he bequeathed a sum of money to his "sister Hannah Mellows." Of the linen that he had the will makes him give "the napkins, towells and table clothes and one-half the sheets to my kinsman Thomas Edwards, and the other half to my sister Hannah Mellows in New England." This will was dated February 19, 1650.

This would seem to be proof sufficient that the maiden name of the second wife of Joseph Hills was Hannah Smith. But the testimony of the English will is more than confirmed by a previous testament made before the testator left New England,

dated June 6, 1648. In that writing he states that for the linen he left in England, his "will is that my sister Mellows shall have one part and the other part to be divided between my sister Fisher and my sister Walford," and the identity of his sister is clearly shown by the appointment of an executor of this will of a person whom he designates as "my brother Edward Mellows."

These repeated designations by the testator of the wife of Edward Mellows, as his sister, do not lose their force in consequence of the language of an another bequest in the will of 1648, which reads that his "will is that the linen, books and other things I left in New England; my couzen Hannah Mellows should have the linen and Abraham Mellows my books." The word "couzen" which in the olden time was used to designate the relatives we now term nephews and nieces, was used to describe Hannah the daughter of Edward and Hannah [Smith] Mellows, who as the step-daughter of Joseph Hills, became the wife of John Bunker.

The fact that Joseph Hills and his son Joseph, had each a wife whose maiden name was Hannah Smith, is probably more than an extraordinary coincidence. The wife of the elder of the name, and his daughter-in-law were probably related. There was an Abraham Smith of Charlestown, the early home of the Hills and Mellows families, to whom Joseph Hills, senior, sold real estate in 1656, just after the death of his second wife.

The fact that Nathaniel Smith, in both of his wills, refers to property to which he was entitled but of which he was dispossessed, as "the plundered estate," and of his interest in it as "one-half," and that in the same clause by which he gave his linen in New England to his niece Hannah, he gave his books to Abraham Mellows, suggests that they were both children of Hannah Mellows, and that she had named her son for her brother, who was the father of a daughter he had named for her. All this, though a reasonable supposition, is conjecture only.

It is to be regretted that proof of the parentage of the younger Hannah Smith can not be obtained, for through her and her husband, Joseph Hills, Jr., the descendants of her son Samuel trace their line to an English ancestry. There is a possibility that there may exist some of our name who are

descended from her youngest son Joseph or her grandson Ebenezer.

The third marriage of Joseph Hills occurred in January, 1656. The bride of that occasion was Helen, or Elline, or Eleanor, daughter of Hugh Atkinson of Kendall, Westmoreland, England. She died at some date between January, 1661 and November, 1662. No son was born of this marriage.

The fourth wife was Ann, widow of Henry Lunt of Newbury, whose maiden name is unknown. The wedding took place in that town March 8, 1665, and it is generally accepted as a fact that at that date he changed his residence from Malden to Newbury, and therein resided till his death in 1688. It is certain that he was of Newbury as early as 1667, when [and again in 1669] he represented the town in the General Court, as the legislature of Massachusetts was then, and is still called.

A record in Savage's work indicates that a daughter of this union was born in Malden, April 13, 1667. The natural supposition that the infant "Dorothy" was the child of Joseph Hills, junior, who remained a resident of Malden till his death, is met by the fact that the 16th of December, 1667, was the birthday of his son Samuel.

As the husband of Henry Lunt's widow did not sell his homestead estate till 1679, and held landed property in Malden till 1685; and as he may have re-established his former home while legislative duties required his presence in its neighborhood, the birth of April, 1667 may be accepted as that of a child of the wife that survived him; but no record exists to show that any of her descendants transmitted the name of Hills.

It would seem to follow from the summary here given, that all descendants of Joseph Hills, the emigrant of 1638, must trace their line to him through some one of the following named grandsons: Ebenezer, Samuel or Joseph, sons of Joseph and Hannah [Smith] Hills; Benjamin, son of Gershom and Elizabeth [Chadwick] Hills, grandsons of Rose Clark, the first wife; Samuel, Joseph, Nathaniel, Benjamin, Henry, William, Josiah, John, James, Daniel or Smith, sons of Samuel and Abigail [Wheeler] Hills and grandsons of Hannah Smith [widow of Edward Mellows] the second wife.

Of the grandsons of Rose Clark, only Samuel and Benjamin

are known to have transmitted the name to grandsons. Of the grandsons of Hannah Smith, the elder of the name, the record of Samuel has been given, William had four sons, John two and Daniel, at least one; all the others are known to have had grandsons, who carried the name of Hills. The most notable of the group being Benjamin, who is credited on our lists with four sons and seventeen grandsons.

The report of June, 1898, after reviewing the work of the previous year, and the method of its management in England, stated that the condition of our treasury then, or as it would probably be for an indefinate time, would not permit the continuous employment of our agent, a trained genealogist; and that the work would, in the future, be carried on by copying Hills items, disclosed by indexes and calendars, as he went from place to place in the employment of others; giving, however, special effort to localities where our interests required attention. Such money as could be spared from our funds after paying current expenses, was to be appropriated for foreign research, that the ever present demand for fees, might not require him not only to work for an inadequate compensation, but possibly at his own cost.

This arrangement, the best we could offer, he was asked to accept with the understanding that for an important discovery in either of the three lines in which our membership are interested, a special contribution should be asked for his remuneration, from the branch of the family specially benefited.

We are glad to say that the offer was accepted and the work has progressed under its terms to date. The result has been, that although nothing especially valuable has been found, a general progress has been made; and abstracts of ancient wills and administrations of intestate estates have been added to those previously in our possession; till we can state that the genealogical information contained in six hundred and fifty probate proceedings, ranging under the name of Hills, from 1426 to 1665, is now available for future use.

The present condition of our foreign work can be most concisely told in the words of Mr. Withington, in a recent letter to the committee in charge of that branch of our inquiries.

"Although I have in neither of the three cases of Joseph, William or Robert, established the complete links to the pedigree, I have laid the foundation of an instantaneous connection the moment some happy find denotes the exact parentage of either of the three, although in the case of Joseph, we have the father's name also. I am now enlarging my survey and sweeping a circle from Northamptonshire to Sussex, and letting no Hills escape.

"I have, I think, conclusively shown that although confused in individual instances by careless scribes or illiterate branches, the name of Hills is a distinct one, separated from Hill and traceable always, where far enough sought to the County of Kent, in which Shire it has always been, as it still is, a prominent one.

"From the days of King Henry the Third when Bertram de Hills † was lieutenant of Dover Castle, the family has been of honorable note, especially about Wye; but like all strong families in ancient England, has seen the bulk of its junior branches turned into the sturdy yeomanry, and then, in many instances, into branches of artisans, and of course, occasionally sinking to mere laborers. At all epochs, however, the Hillses in Kent have had representatives in the leading gentry * * * besides this, certain branches of the family have had a chief hand in the social life of the city of London, especially in the case of Richard Hills, the Merchant Tailor, whose immediate ancestry I have been able to trace."

Perhaps a better idea of the character of the work our agent is doing, can be given by showing the line of ancestry of the Richard Hills he refers to, the Master of the Guild of Merchant Tailors of London, for 1561 and 1562; founder not only of a free school still in existence in that city, but also of an almshouse for poor widows; one of the most notable men of our name.

In the Consistory Court of Rochester, one of the many probate courts in the vicinity of London, is the will of Nicholas Hilles, dated in January and recorded in October 1494. The testator was a "yeoman" of the parish of Snodland. The will gives the name of the wife of that ancient time, and appoints "Son William, Executor." It also has such reference to the

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parish of Milton, eight miles distant, as to suggest to the genealogist a connection with Richard Hills, of that place, who was in his day, also connected with the Guild in London.

In the same court, the will of William Hills, of Snodland, yeoman, dated in 1522, was probated in February, 1524. It created a trust; his brother, Richard Hills, "citizen" of London, being the trustee. This testator was doubtless the son of Nicholas and executor of his will.

The publications of the Harleian Society recording the Herald's visitation of London in 1568, give this record: "Richard Hills alias Hulles of Milton in the County of Kent, and wife Elizabith, daughter of * * * Bede; had Richard Hills, Gentleman, Citizen and Merchant Taylor of London, who married Agnes, daughter of Xtopher Lacy of Yorkshire, Gentleman, and they had 1 John, 2 Gershom, 3 Barnabus, 4 Daniel." John the eldest son who was living in 1633, when he had children and grandchildren, obtained a grant of arms dated March 15, 1586.

It is perhaps worthy of note in this connection, that a copy of these arms "Sable, a cheveron, or, between three cats passant, argent," for so many years that none now living can tell for how many, was kept at the farm in Newbury, where Joseph Hills' last days were spent, and which after his death became the property of his son Samuel. One of his descendants whose birth and girlhood was near that spot, in a letter to the President of this Association, dated March 5, 1895, referring to the old homestead and its contents, said "The old farm * * * descended by will to the oldest son until my father's brother came into possession. He had but one child, a daughter * * * she sold the farm after she became a widow. All the old family papers belonged to her and she gave me the Joseph Hills Coat-of-Arms (three leopards on a shield). She told me nearly all I know about it."

The line of ancestry of John and his father Richard, which Mr. Withington considers as proved, hinges on the identity of Richard Hills of Milton in 1568, with Richard Hills of London in 1522, and both, with that brother of William Hills, who was the son of Nicholas, the decedent of 1494.

It is easy to believe that a young man going from the home of his birth in Snodland to his life work in London, found his

retirement after a successful career in Milton, [on or near the Thames, some twenty miles from the great city], with which parish his father had some connection. But the difficulty in accepting this line of five generations, lies in the fact that William the decedent of 1524, is by the abstract of his will, made to refer to his brother not only as a Citizen but as a "Cutler" of London.

"The Early History of the Guild of Merchant Taylors" of London, published in 1888, in its second volume, devotes six chapters and a part of another to the life of Richard Hilles [1514-1587] Master of the Guild in 1561 and 1562. One quotation in the chapter on "Hills Apprenticeship and Freedom," referring to officers of whom Richard Hills was one, states that they were "Tayllers sunnes alle."

Assuming the genealogical line to be correct, the apparent inconsistancy of the two records can be made to harmonize by again assuming that the word copied from the ancient script as "Cutler," should have been written Cutter; a term that expressions in the early history of the Guild show was sometimes applied to members of the craft.

But much more important to those of our day than this interesting reference to those of the name who were living several centuries ago, is the statement of the genealogist that he thinks he has been able to "show a probable, not very distant connection with all three of the lines we are following up," and the branch to which Richard of Milton, his son, the Master of the Guild and his sons John, Gershom, Barnabus and Daniel, undoubtedly belonged.

Our agent, for his belief that he has discovered the thread connecting the Hills of Essex with the family of Kent, no doubt rests largely upon the evidence outlined in the report of last year, and to some extent on the fact that the first wife of Joseph the Emigrant of 1638, was from the family of Clark; and that Catherine, the widow of Barnabus and daughter-in-law of the Master of the Guild, married for her second husband one of that name. †

Another indication of the relationship of Joseph Hills with this branch of our family, is found in the fact that in the thousands of names that have passed under the observation of the

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† See Report of 1896, pages 4, 5 and 6.

management of the Association, the peculiar given name of Gershom has been found but twice; once as the first name of the merchant tailor's second son, and once as the distinguishing name of the first born in New England of the emigrant of 1638.

Before concluding this branch of our report, it is worthy of note that Snodland is less than ten miles and Milton a yet shorter distance from Saint Margaret Hills, near Darant, where Thomas de Helles was settled in the seventeenth year of Edward the First, and where his descendants lived for two hundred years, until about 1490 the manor passed from "Richard Hills, for so the name was then spelled," to his "one sole daughter and heir, Anne, who carried it in marriage to Henry Melbard." † This Richard Hills, spelling his name as we do ours, must have been contemporary with Nicholas Hilles of Snodland, who, in his will dated in 1494, spelt the family name as did the ancestor of his probable relative of the manor house; with only the substitution of one vowel for another of the same sound.

A few weeks since at Leominster, the town to which her great grandfather Smith Hills removed from Newbury a century and a quarter ago, on the 27th of April, Mary B. Smith, a daughter of Charles Hills, passed to the unseen world. Starting with the earliest known date in her direct line, she was descended from George and Mary Hills, married at Great Burstead, Billericay, Essex, England, October 13, 1596; her ancestors of our name and their birth years, being Joseph 1602; Samuel, 1652 ; Smith, 1705; Silas, 1760, and Charles 1786.

Mary Buss Hills, born August 27, 1814, was married to Isaac Smith, October 5, 1837. An obituary notice in a Leominster paper states that this couple "were among those earliest identified with the anti-slavery movement. * * * Fugitives from slavery were received into their home and sent on their way. * * * * Those who knew her best affirm that her most marked traits of character were industry, unselfishness, patience and charity. * * * She gave a mother's care not only to her own children, but to no less than six or eight others, whom at different times she found orphaned and dependent. Hers was a long, full and beautiful life of saintly and most helpful service."

Adopting these words of another as our tribute to our life

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† See Report of 1897, page 7.

member, we add, that we gratefully remember that to her and her immediate relatives we owe the gift of the ancient manuscript book of original entries in relation to the business transactions of her ancestor, the emigrant of 1638,† which gave the clew that led to his birthplace in England.

One other member of our organization has joined the fathers of our race, since we last met. Jonathan Flint Morris, of Hartford, Conn., died January 30, 1899. The place of his death suggests that he was a descendant of William the emigrant of 1632, who left Roxbury, in Massachusetts, for Hartford about 1636. But such was not the fact.

In a letter to our secretary when seeking information as to eligibility to membership with us, he said "I am a descendant of Joseph Chaffee and believe I am of Joseph Hills." Our records enabled us to confirm his belief. John and Joseph Chaffee, probably brothers, married Sarah and Abigail, daughters of Gershom and Elizabeth [Chadwick] Hills; and our member's line in our name, starting with the marriage in Great Burstead in 1596, is, Joseph [1602-1688]; Gershom, born 1639; Abigail married Joseph Chaffee January 7, 1709.

Respectfully submitted,

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The bulk of the labor, rendered more than doubly difficult by his physical infirmity — total blindness — has been performed by our Senior Director, and the great weight of it must still be carried by him till it is finished.

While it would be possible for one versed in genealogical work to take the data he has collected and in some form prepare it for the printer, yet the result could not be as complete or accurate as if his retentive memory, which holds all the details of his collection, guided his amanuensis through the mazes of the family relations of those who bear our name or are of Hills descent. During the past year he has caused to be prepared abstracts of probate records and recorded deeds, which show the descent or transmission of property by descendants of Hills emigrants who were themselves emigrants from the seacoast of Massachusetts to its interior, or to parts of New Hampshire and Connecticut. Some idea of the magnitude of the work is conveyed by the statement that abstracts from New Hampshire number — 550 from the County of Hillsboro; 700 from Rockingham and Hillsboro, which were one county till 1771, Exeter being the shire town; and 250 from Cheshire County.

In former years the records of Worcester and Bristol Counties in Massachusetts have yielded many such abridgments and much valuable information. During the past year Bristol has contributed 238 additional abstracts and is closed. Worcester about 300, with about 100 more to be received to bring its records to the closing date. Many such returns from Connecticut were already in the possession of our director at the beginning of the year, but since our last annual meeting, from the Hartford registries over 300, and from those of New Haven some 25 additional abstracts have been received. From our neighboring state, where nearly all of our name are descendants of William Hills, the emigrant of 1632, who was first of Roxbury, then of Hartford, a considerable number of recorded instruments remain to be abstracted.

When this mass of manuscript has been arranged and analyzed, the material that will compose the genealogy of the three branches of the family will be available and the work of preparation can proceed uninterruptedly. A reasonable estimate can then be given of the date when the copy will be ready for the

printer, and your directors will consider ways and means of publication. All who have investigated the origin of our name are of opinion that we have a common ancestor. But all our efforts to show relationship between descendants of the emigrants of 1632 and 1638, or of either of these branches of the family, with that younger branch whose members can look back but little more than a century to the time when its earliest representative landed in New England, have revealed only probabilities. While those probabilities are so strong as to be convincing, nothing has yet been discovered that can be called proof of a common origin. Under these conditions, your directors by their committee, while giving what circumstantial evidence has been accumulated tending to show a common ancestor, will divide the genealogical work into three parts. Starting with what is known of the life and ancestry of an English emigrant the lives of his descendants will be kept separate from those of other branches, making in fact three distinct genealogies.

Our corporate name shows that the intention of its founders was that family history as well as genealogy should engage our attention, and, as opportunity has offered, biographical sketches of some of its members and their immediate ancestors have been obtained and filed with our secretary.

Such papers are valuable and all of our name are invited to add to our collection. For some future publication they may be edited and given to the press. To a very limited extent such material now in our possession will be used in our genealogical work. That work is so important that its completion must not be imperiled by the expense of printing anything not needed to show the genealogy of the family; not only as perfectly as may be, but as speedily and at as moderate a cost as possible.

On each alternate year since our organization, its members have enjoyed a reunion with all of our name or connected with it by descent or marriage who could accept the invitation of its management. That of July 28 1899, at the Point of Pines in the town of Revere, was ably planned and successfully carried out. A perfect day by the seashore was thoroughly enjoyed. Old friends and acquaintances were met, and new friends and

acquaintances, all of them probably relatives, were gained. When assembled as a body or gathered in groups talking of family history, new ideas were received and imparted and important information acquired.

An illustration of the fact that the reunion was valuable as well as enjoyable will be given with full detail.

The invitation of the committee was accepted by a father and daughter, born and known as Hill, but who believed that in the early part of the present century their ancestor was known as Hills, and that he was a descendant of the English emigrant of 1638.

Among the traditions of their branch of the family — one of whom at least wrote his surname as Hill at the close of the last or beginning of the present century — was that their common ancestor was one of an unbroken line of Samuels, one of whom died March 14 1833, and that the Samuel who died in Rehoboth, Mass., July 27 1732, came from Newbury.

Joseph Hills, the emigrant of 1638, is supposed to have lived in Newbury from the date of his marriage to Ann, the widow of Henry Lunt, in 1665, to his death in 1688. It is certain that he represented that town in the Colonial legislature in 1667 and 1669.

All of his numerous decendants trace to him through one of his three sons, Joseph, Gershom and Samuel. Those from the oldest and youngest sons have been traced to the common ancestor by thousands.

But few of the descendants of Gershom Hills can now be identified.

Samuel, the youngest of the three brothers, had two daughters and eleven sons.

As may be supposed many of our name trace their line through one of these sons to the emigrant and his second wife, Hannah Smith, who, when she took our surname, was the widow of Edward Mellows.

But of Samuel, her eldest grandson, the only information in our possession a year since was stated in our report; "that he was born Feb. 16, 1680, and that he was mentioned as one of the nine sons who were living at the date of their father's will in 1732."

Assuming the tradition to be true that was brought to our knowledge at the reunion, it suggested that this Samuel, son of Samuel, might be one of that unbroken line that, originating in Newbury, became the progenitors of the branch to which our guests belonged, and which, if the record of an old family Bible is taken as conclusive, for five generations has been known as one of the numerous families of Hill.

As the result of the most important research the abstracts of Bristol County has enabled our director to make, we can state that we consider that the suggestion based on this assumption has been proved beyond a reasonable doubt to be a fact.

The line starts with Joseph Hills who left Maldon in England in 1638, and, after a brief stay in Charlestown, settled in Malden, which was the place of his home till his marriage in Newbury to widow Ann Lunt, March 8 1665. Samuel, his son, born in Malden in 1652, married Abigail Wheeler of Newbury, May 20, 1679, and died in that town August 18 1732.

Samuel, his son, was born in Newbury February 16 1680. The given name of his wife was Ann; her parentage, home and date of marriage are unknown. This Samuel was of Swanzey in 1708, at which date he bought land in Rehoboth, where he lived till his death July 27 1732.

His son, Lieutenant Samuel, was born in Rehoboth February 19 1714, married Deborah Cushing November 15 1739, and died in the place of his birth, November 12 1758.

His son Samuel was born in Rehoboth December 14 1740, married, as appears by the family Bible record that has been referred to, on the 8th day of January, 1767, Rhoda Phillips of Smithfield, Rhode Island, and died March 14 1833.

Leaving out the refererences to book and page of the many records that form the chain of evidence that brings us to the conclusion that the descendants of Samuel and Rnoda Hills, now generally known as Hill, can claim the emigrant of 1638 as their ancestor, the story and argument are here given.

Rehoboth in Massachusetts, part of which by a change in the boundary line is now in Rhode Island, originally included Seekonk, Pawtucket, Attleborough, Cumberland and a part of Swanzey and Barrington.

Gershom Hills, son of the emigrants born in 1639, died before

February 15 1721, at which date, as appears by Middlesex County Records, the homestead in Malden he received as a gift from his father was sold to his nephew Ebenezer Hills by "Abraham Skinner and Tabitha, his wife, Benjamin Hills and Mary, his wife, all of Malden, Samuel Palmer and Mary, his wife, of Rowley, in the County of Essex, John Chaffe and Sarah, his wife, Joseph Chaffe of Barrington, and John Tomson of Rehoboth, all in the Province of Massachusetts Bay."

John Chaffe of Swansey and Sarah Hills were married in that town July 7 1700. Joseph Chaffe of Swanzey, a brother of John, and Abigail Hills of Malden were married in the last named town January 7 1709, and it is evident from the homestead sale that a third daughter of Gershom Hills, who had been the wife of John Tomson of Rehoboth, and her sister Abigail, had died before the Malden estate was sold.

The settlement of these granddaughters of the English emigrant, and the fact that their families remained in the neighborhood of the original location, seems to have had a marked influence in drawing relatives who were also descendants of Joseph of Malden and Newbury to their vicinity.

In 1699 Jabez Hills was born in Malden. He was of the fourth generation, the son of Samuel and grandson of Joseph junior, the brother of Gershom Hills. He settled in that part of Wrentham now the town of Franklin, where his son Jabez was born in 1727. This last named Jabez married Margaret Fisher of Wrentham, January 9th 1752, and three of their children were born in that town prior to 1758. In that year he removed to a farm through which passed the boundary line between Rehoboth and Pawtucket. Five of his children were born there before his death December 6 1768.

The records show that Ebenezer, a brother of the younger Jabez, bought and sold land in Swanzey in 1761. Others who appear to have been descendants of the English emigrant of 1638, are known to have been in Rehoboth and vicinity in the first half of the eighteenth century.

These statements are sufficient to warrant us in assuming that Samuel Hills, starting out from Newbury as a young man to locate for his life work, would be naturally attracted to the spot where his cousins had settled. But while this assumption will

doubtless be generally accepted, more evidence is needed to connect the Samuel Hills born in Newbury in 1680, with the Samuel who was of Swanzey and Rehoboth in 1708.

In our day, of thousands of our name who have been brought to our notice, all, with the exception of one branch the earliest representative of which left Old for New England in 1794, trace their ancestry either to William of Roxbury and Hartford, the emigrant of 1632, or to Joseph of Malden and Newbury, the emigrant of 1638.

William was probably unmarried when he landed at Boston. It is certain that he left Massachusetts and settled at Hartford, Connecticut, in 1635 or 1636. Many of his descendants now reside in that state, and in the Connecticut River valley of New England. Very few of them can be found in Eastern Massachusetts.

It is certain that the settler of Rehoboth of 1708 was not his son. His boys were William, John, Joseph, Benjamin, and Jonathan.

Savage, in his Genealogical Dictionary, says that John married at Saybrook, Connecticut, April 14 1670, and had Samuel, born May 29, 1671.

The suggestion that this Samuel, when thirty-seven years old, might have settled in Rehoboth is met by the statement that after his return to Connecticut, fifteen years subsequent to the death of Samuel of Swanzey and Rehoboth, he made a deposition dated at Lebanon March 27 1747, which is now on file in one of our Suffolk County Courts. In that deposition "being seventy-six years old," he states that he "lived at Duxbury till about twenty" years before its date — no doubt from the time of his marriage, November 6 1694, to Phebe Leonard of that town, as Samuel, his third child, was born there June 25 1701.

Saybrook is on Long Island Sound and Duxbury on Massachusetts Bay. Communication by coasting vessels between the ports of the New-England colonies was undoubtedly frequent. It is easy to understand that a grandson of the emigrant of 1632 might make a voyage and remain to live with his "father-in-law, Philip Leonard."

It is not impossible that among the children of William, Joseph, Benjamin or Jonathan there was a Samuel, who may

have emigrated from Connecticut to Massachusetts. But we have no knowledge of any other Samuel among the grandsons of William, the English emigrant; and an abandonment by a young man, in the early part of the eighteenth century, of a settlement in the valley of the Connecticut for one in an inland town in South Eastern Massachusetts is in the last degree improbable.

Confining our search for Samuels to the descendants of the emigrant Joseph, it must be admitted that it is not impossible that his son Gershom may have had a son of that name. His home was in Malden certainly as late as 1709. Presumably he resided there till his death, and there all of his children were born. The vital records of that town are far from perfect. If Gershom had a son Samuel his birth was not recorded. His sons of whom we have knowledge were Ebenezer and Benjamin.

It is certain that no son Samuel, or the children of one of that name, are represented in the division of his estate.

As the emigrant of 1638 had but three sons who could transmit his name, it follows that the Rehoboth settler of 1708 was the son or grandson of Joseph or of his younger half-brother Samuel of Newbury. Joseph Hills the junior had a son Samuel born in Malden in 1667, but he died in Dorchester January 7 1704, and his son Samuel was not born until 1702.

But one Samuel of proper age to be the head of a family of whose existance at the opening of the eighteenth century any record can be shown remains to be disposed of, namely, Samuel (son of Samuel) born at Newbury, February 16 1680.

As the means of transmitting information existed two hundred years ago, it is evident that his father thought he was at a distance from his native place when he made his will on the fifth day of August, 1732. In that instrument he is referred to as among those sons who were then living, and there is no indication among the papers in the Essex Court that when the will was probated on the eleventh of September following that any of the family knew that he had died at Rehoboth on the preceding twenty-seventh of July. There is room for but one other doubt. Did any of his ten brothers who lived to manhood and married have a son Samuel, who by any possibility could have been the settler at Rehoboth? That question can be determined without reference to the lists of their children.

Samuel was the eldest of his fathers' sons, and was but twenty-eight years old when he bought his home farm in South Eastern Massachusetts.

It would seem to be beyond question that the Samuel Hills who was born in Newbury, February 16 1680, was the Samuel Hills whose death July 27 1732, is recorded as having occurred at Rehoboth.

It remains to consider if the branch of the family now known as Hill who trace their ancestry to this ancient town are his descendants.

Assuming Samuel Hills to have been their ancestor, their line to his grandfather, the English emigrant, has been given; and reference to an old family bible record has been made, in which their ancestors of the fifth generation are all recorded by the surname, Hill. This record is so important to so many persons that it is given in full. Under the heading "Births and Deaths," all the entries except a few of the latter dates of deaths being in one handwriting of most excellent penmanship, are the following entries:

		M.	D.	O. S.
"Samuel Hill,	was born in Rehoboth,	12	14	1740
	Departed this life,	3	14	1833
				O. S.
Rhoda Hill,	his wife, of Smithfield, born,	12	20	1746
	Departed this life,	5	16	1828

RECORD OF THEIR CHILDREN.

Samuel Hill,	was born,	2	17	1767
	Departed this life,	5	28	1831
John Hill,	was born,	4	29	1768
	Departed this life,	10	9	1806
Lydia Hill,	was born,	7	31	1769
	Departed this life,	1	27	1837
Rufus Hill,	was born,	1	31	1771
	Departed this life,	8	5	1827
George Hill,	was born,	12	19	1772
	Departed this life,	1	10	1841
Joshua Hill,	was born,	9	28	1774
	Departed this life,	10	10	1783

		M.	D.	O. S.
Thomas Hill,	was born,	3	9	1776
	Departed this life,	9	28	1778
Barbara Hill,	was born,	8	23	1777
	Departed this life,	4	12	1850
Asa Hill,	was born,	8	6	1779
	Departed this life,	4	22	1785
Sarah Hill,	was born,	6	11	1781
	Departed this life,	9	19	1844
Anna Hill,	was born,	2	28	1783
	Departed this life,	11	12	1851
Rhoda Hill,	was born,	11	2	1784
	Departed this life,	6	1	1801
Deborah Hill,	was born,	9	4	1786
	Departed this life,	4	10	1858
Freelove Hill,	was born,	3	23	1788
	Departed this life,	12	15	1841
Daniel Hill,	was born,	3	25	1790
	Departed this life,	9	23	1817

The present possessor of this valuable record is a grandson of that one of this numerous family who was known as George Hill, and transmitted that surname to his descendants. At the reunion of last July your President requested and received permission to inspect it.

The whole question as to the name being properly Hill or Hills hinges upon the true name of the father, whose name heads the list as having been born in Rehoboth, December 14 1740, and who, as appears by Arnold's vital record of the town, was born at that date, the son of Samuel and Deborah Hill. If he could speak his descendants would ask no better evidence than his own statement. But he has left better evidence than oral statement.

The fine Oxford edition of the Book of Books shown to your President by his great great granddaughter, bears the imprint of the University Press of 1783. It is in three volumes, the New Testament being the third. Its condition warrants the statement that it must have been carefully kept among his most valued possessions. Upon the title page of the first volume beginning "The Holy Bible," the first word forms the first line and the other two the second. On the left of the article "The" appears the word Samuel, on the right the word Hills.

The writing, evidently an autograph, indicates ownership. There is no doubt about the final " s." It cannot by any stretch of the imagination be taken for a flourish. The sign manual is vertical penmanship, engrossing style.

Who, then, among his children would change not only his own name, but undertake to change that of all his brothers and sisters and their descendants, by dropping the final letter of the surname in making what would be considered in the family the authoritive record.

In the opinion of your president, the responsibility for the change must rest with the fifth in the unbroken line of Samuels, who was born in 1767 and died in 1831. Upon the fly leaf of the second volume of the Oxford Bible, in sloping letters, with flourishes that show a remarkable skill in the handling of the quill pen which was the only implement for such writing in his life time, appears the undoubted autograph of Samuel Hill, and below it the word Smithfield, to indicate the place of his residence. The skillful penmanship of the family record, marred only by the insertion of dates subsequent to his death indicates him as the recorder; and the inquiry resolves itself into the question which autograph correctly spells the family surname, that of the father or that of the son.

Waiving the conclusion that the son could not legally change the name to which he was born without act of the legislature, let us look into the evidence.

First as to that which is printed and easy of access. The vital record of Rehoboth, by James M. Arnold, published in 1897, which gives the record of births for all dates preceding 1800, presumably copied from the town records as written, would indicate that there had never been a family of Hills in the place. The printed surname is Hill in every case. But in numerous instances the infants born Hill by the record at later dates are married and die as Hills. But we will confine our attention solely to the direct line we are following.

In the printed work the only records relating to Samuel of the third generation who came from Newbury by way of Swanzey in 1708, or of his wife Ann, except in connection with the birth of their children, are those of their deaths, that of the husband in 1732, that of his widow in 1747. In both entries the decedents are of record as Hills.

Lieutenant Samuel, their son, appears by the publication to be born Hill in February 1714, marries Deborah Cushing as Hills, and carries the final "s" to his grave in November, 1758.

Seven years preceding his death that of his wife occurred, and is of record as that of Deborah, wife of Samuel Hills.

Samuel, the son of the Lieutenant, the first owner of the old Bible, Arnold's work says, was born Hill, December 14 1740. As he married in Smithfield and removed from the town, it contains no further record of him.

Turning now to recorded manuscript a very strong statement can be made. The registries of Bristol County show that it was Samuel Hills who bought his home farm in 1708. At his death in 1732, it was his widow, Ann Hills, who administered an estate of nine hundred and twenty-five pounds; and the original papers show that at different dates she signed her bond as administratrix, and her account, as Ann Hills. In a petition dated September, 1739, for the guardianship of three of the minor children, Benjamin, Phebe and William, although the person who drew the paper recited that they were the children of "Samuel Hill, late of Rehoboth," the signatures of both brothers and their sister show the final "s."

In 1752 Benjamin again comes under guardianship as a "distracted" person. In the application to the court his brothers Samuel and James sign their surname as Hills. A year and a half passes, and the ward, having been restored to sanity, receipts for the return of his property as Benjamin Hills. Six months later at his death in June, 1754, the clerks insist that the family name is Hill, but his widow signs her bond as administratrix, Elizabeth Hills. In the appointment of appraisers of the estate, the scribes yield a little and write the surname Hills in the body of the document.

When Lieutenant Samuel died, November 12 1758, his estate was duly probated and his brother, as a witness, signs some of the papers as James Hills. In this connection as tending to show relationship between this Samuel and the Chaffees, whose children were undoubted descendants of Gershom Hills, his father's uncle; it is interesting to note that the administrator of the Lieutenant's estate asks to be allowed certain sums paid to "Mrs. Eunice Chaffee," and to "William Chaffee."

In February, 1759, dower was set off to Sarah Hills, as widow of Lieutenant Samuel. This was as it should have been, for as Samuel Hills, in Swanzey, June 14 1752, he had married Sarah Harden. In this instrument the clerical work conformed to the facts.

One more step and the records connect with the original owner of the Bible.

A petition for guardianship dated August 1 7, 1759, has the following opening sentence, "I, Samuel Hills, son of Samuel Hills, late of Rehoboth, being a minor above the age of fourteen years," [he was born December 14 1740], and the signature is Samuel Hills.

But when the division of his father's estate was made in May, 1762, those charged with the "setting off," with as strict impartiality, we will hope, in the distribution as in the bestowal of surnames, gave a portion "to eldest son, Samuel Hill"; another "to eldest daughter, Sarah Hills"; a third "to youngest daughter, Anna Hills"; and closed the transaction by endowing "the youngest son, Comfort Hill," with the remainder.

The files of the Probate Court of Bristol give further evidence that the family name originating in Rehoboth is of right Hills, not Hill. In not a single instance has an original signature been found of a descendant of the settler of 1708 who carried and wrote his surname in any other manner than as Hills, till that of Samuel of the sixth generation appears as Hill on the blank leaf of one of the volumes of the old family Bible that bore upon its title page that of his father—Samuel Hills.

It would seem impossible to come to any other conclusion than that all who claim Samuel, the first owner of the Oxford Bible of 1783, as ancestor, are descendants of George and Mary Hills, who were married in great Burstead, Billericay, Essex, England, October 13 1596, and whose son Joseph emigrated to New England in 1638, and died at Newbury fifty years later.

No change in the plan of our foreign work has been possible since the method of its continuance was stated in our fourth report, that of June, 1898. In the search for the ancestors of the parents of Joseph of Malden and Newbury, and of those of Robert of Wye, in Kent—the earliest of the known ancestors of

two of the three branches represented by membership in our association—every clue that pointed to a probable success has been followed. In the work a great amount of information concerning those who have carried our name in the old world has been collected. Some of it indicates the relationship and common origin of the three American branches. But nothing more definite has been ascertained as to the progenitors of the English emigrants than was known when we met here three years since. In making this statement no reflection is intended upon the skill and industry of our expert agent. Your directors recognize that where records do not exist they cannot be found; and where those that do exist are buried in innumerable parish registers and in manifold ecclesiastical courts, that the hunt for the proverbial needle in a haystack is not more difficult than the search for an ancestor in old English records, unless that search can be localized.

In the line of Joseph, the emigrant of 1638, the registers of every parish where investigation has indicated a probable disclosure of parentage or relationship to his earliest known progenitor have been examined without success. Perhaps there is one exception. A will lately found in the records of a court indicated a residence of relatives of a London branch of the family, with which it is supposed that the Billericay branch was more or less remotely connected. A report of the inspection of the registers of Colchester, in Essex, is expected by every mail, which should dispose of the last clue that examinations among probate records has revealed.

Of the branch that claims as its leading representative Robert of Wye, the earliest dates concerning whom are those of the birth of a daughter in 1680, and the baptism in 1698 of his son Joseph, a progenitor in the line of which your President and Treasurer are a part, nothing of a more remote ancestry has been discovered since our organization. Some three years since, our agent found the will of Robert, the present head of the branch, on file in the appropriate court at Canterbury. That instrument approximately determined the time of his death as of some date between its execution in August and its probating in November, 1718, and gave the names of the five sons and one daughter that survived him, as Robert, Thomas, John, Joseph,

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David and Mary Parker. When this much progress had been made it seemed to our committee on foreign investigation that as Robert appeared to be a favorite prefix to our surname in this vicinity it was not improbable that the decedent of 1718 was the grandson of that Robert Hills who, on the 28th of January, 1618, in the little parish of Swingfield, married Joan Harvey. But such examinations of records as our agent has been able to make, under the economical method of remuneration our exhausted treasury compelled us to adopt in 1897, have disclosed no locality among the multitudinous parishes of Kent where he could reasonably hope to find a record of his descendants.

And so for three years the English search has gone on, in the manner and under the terms indicated in our last report. Mr. Withington receives such funds as are left after the payment of our current expenses [which include only printing and such incidentals as stationery, postage and expressage], that he may have "a fee fund" to meet the demands of the custodians of what in America are public records, freely open to the inspection of all persons.

He has our promise of a special contribution for any discovery your directors deem important. A special donation of fifty dollars contributed by a descendant of Robert of Wye is in our treasury awaiting his good fortune in that line. The descendants of the emigrants of 1638 are so numerous that there can be no doubt that a proper compensation will reward the happy finding of an earlier ancestor than George, the father of Joseph of Malden and Newbury.

While nothing is definitely known as to the time or place of birth in England of William of Roxbury and Hartford, the emigrant of 1632, circumstantial evidence seems to indicate that he was a native of Essex County. There can be little doubt but that his descendants would provide a suitable honorarium if they should be informed where and when their ancestor received the life and name he transmitted to them.

Something more than a year since as stated in our last report, our Senior Director had reprinted from Mr. Corey's history of Malden an extract relating to his and the historian's ancestor's connection with that city, of which he was one of the first

settlers. Our director, who is also Chairman of the Committee on foreign investigation, sent his pamphlet of more than twenty pages to every descendant of Joseph Hills whose address was known to him, with a statement that any contributions he might receive in acknowledgement of his present would be devoted to the work of the family in England. A few such acknowledgements were forwarded to him.

The appreciation of his gift and of the work of the Association as expressed by some of the donors was very gratifying. But with one exception the donations were small in amount. That exception was a contribution of one hundred dollars by the widow of our valuable life member, William Smith Hills, whom we have sadly missed since his death in the spring-time of 1898. The letter that accompanied the gift, while it did not restrict its use in England, seemed to indicate a desire that it should be expended in further effort to discover an earlier ancestor of her children than those who married in Billericay in October, 1596.

But as already explained we know of no system by which such a discovery can be made better than that which is being followed, which is, in effect, the abstracting of every will within certain dates, where, in Eastern England, the indexes of a court visited by our agent disclose any of our name or the names of those who two or three centuries ago were connected with it by marriage.

The Association now holds many hundreds of such abstracts. When any of them have indicated a locality that promised a desirable result, the records and registers of that locality have been marked for search, and when operating in their vicinity they are examined by our agent. Colchester, in Essex, has already been referred to as so marked.

By a liberal expenditure of money, the parishes and local courts when probable success might be expected could be promptly visited, and new clews there obtained could at once be followed up, compressing into weeks investigations that under the system we have been compelled to adopt must take months and perhaps years. And yet if such expenditure were made all who have had experience in genealogical research know only too well that years of the most careful and painstaking investigation will sometimes leave the investigator in practically the position occupied when the search began.

Indications as to the birthplace and parentage of the earliest ancestors of two of our three branches have not been met, except as stated, for many months; and investigations in these lines are in effect closed, until a fortunate "find" in probate or other records shall point to new localities as worthy of examination.

In the line of William of Roxbury and Hartford, your directors have long desired the means to examine the registers of certain neighboring parishes in Essex, in some one of which, it would seem from incidents in his life in New England, there was a strong probability that he resided before his emigration in 1632.

The generous donation for foreign work enabled us to enter the field, and half of its amount was forwarded to our agent, with instructions to expend a part, and, if need be, the whole of the remittance, in examination of registers of five Essex parishes, which would long since have been searched had the means at our command permitted. The registers of High Ongar, the birthplace of Phillis Lyman, the wife of the emigrant of 1632, and those of some of the neighboring parishes, have been vainly explored for traces of his parentage. Should the amount transmitted to our agent prove more than sufficient for the examinations in the new locality, the unexpended portion will be used for further investigation in the neighborhood already partially investigated

In our last report it was shown that Hannah, the second wife of Joseph, the emigrant of 1638, was sister of the Nathaniel Smith whose will was probated in London in February, 1650. It seemed to the committee in charge of the English work that no better use could be made of the remaining half of the fund than to expend it in an effort to trace the parentage of this lady, from whom have descended not only the children of the donor but all who claim her son Samuel as ancestor.

Instructions have been forwarded to our agent to make the attempt, limiting, however, our expenditure in this line to the amount available for the purpose.

The report of last year, like that which preceded it, contained obituary notices of two of our number.

We regret that we must again record the death of two of our members. Six deaths in three years from our little band of about one hundred.

Levi Hills of Ottumwa, Iowa, died July 15, 1899. He was of the Connecticut branch, a descendant of William, the emigrant of 1632.

We gratefully remember that in answer to our call he gave us not only the information relating to those immediately connected with his own life, but contributed possibly as much as any of our members to our knowledge of the English emigrant, his ancestor and descendants.

His line was:—William, born in England, died 1683; Joseph, 1650–1713; Benoni, 1701–1793; Medad, 1729–1808; Miles, 1766–1815. These five generations lived and died in Connecticut. Levi, son of Miles, was born in Goshen in that state May 29 1795, and died at Morris, Illinois, January 27 1866. Our Associate was a native of the state where his father died July 22d 1838.

On the 23d of November last another of our Iowa members, Frederick C. Hills of Sioux City, joined the fathers of our name.

For many years prominently connected with the railroads of the west, he was suddenly called from his earthly duties. Always interested in the Association and its work, we shall miss his encouragement and support.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Board of Directors,

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To the Members of the Corporation:

But little routine work has occupied your officers since we last met. Some progress has been made in arranging for publication the information in our possession relating to the descendants of the emigrant Joseph Hills who was born in Old England in 1602 and died in New England in 1688. The committee charged with the collection and preparation of the material which we trust will form the genealogy of the Hills family, have for the past year confined their efforts almost exclusively to gathering and analyzing abstracts of records obtained from town clerks, the registries of deeds and of probate courts in Connecticut. The large amount of detailed information received by our senior director has enabled him to trace many lines to William the emigrant of 1632, the head of the Connecticut branch, and the work of investigation in the hands of competent agents is still in active operation under his direction, without expense to the Association. In former reports your directors have earnestly requested that all of the name or connected with it by marriage, whether of our association or not of its membership, to file with our Secretary or one of our corresponding secretaries, a list of the members of their families with parentage and ancestry as far as known. But of late the response to our appeals has been so feeble, that we are forced to the conclusion that from the descendants of Joseph of Malden and Newbury, the emigrant of 1638, and of the sons of John of Ashford in Kent who came to Boston in the last decade of the eighteenth and first decade of the nineteenth centuries, the association is in possession of practically all of such returns that it can expect to receive in response to its call. For this reason, and because each individual in the

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genealogical work who is the head of a family, will bear a distinctive number, and because those numbers will be given in the order of seniority of ancestry, we would say, that while we will gladly receive all such lists and information from any one as to their family, or the families and connections of their immediate relatives; and will if the system that is being followed will admit, include the names furnished in the published work; even now in the line of one of the sons of Joseph, his descendants have received the numbers by which they will be designated in the genealogy of the family, and all of the direct line of which they are a part, of earlier birth, are shut out of the position in which the committee in charge of the compilation would have placed them had returns been seasonably made.

The lines thus closed are not so numerous, but that immediate application to our secretary,* for blanks in the form desired for such lists and their prompt remittance properly filled, will, in nearly every case save those whose record is not now in our possession from the consequences of further delay.

In our earlier reports we have given illustrations of the manner in which a comparison of public and family records has determined a line of ancestry, revealing the pedigree of a large number of descendants of a common ancestor. As any such discovery is of interest to all of our name and valuable to the branch of the family to which it relates, another illustration in the line of Joseph of Malden and Newbury will be given. The line starts with the English emigrant and descends through his son Joseph, born in England in 1629 and wife Hannah Smith; Samuel, born in Malden in New England in 1667 and Sarah his wife; Jabez also born in Malden in 1699, died in that part of Wrentham now Franklin in 1742, and Martha Metcalf his wife; Benjamin Hills, born in Wrentham in 1732, died in Grafton about 1766, and Elizabeth Stevens his wife, and Samuel Hills, born in Grafton in 1766 who died in Surry, New Hampshire in 1827, and his wife Lucy Thompson.

The last named Samuel by several returns was shown to be the ancestor of an important New Hampshire branch, no member of which, so far as our informants were aware knew of his parent-

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age. By ample proof the record of the first three generations of this line as given in our report of June 1899 was known to be correct. Samuel of the third generation died at Dorchester January 7, 1704. Jabez his son settled in Wrentham. As an ancestor of our senior director and also of our secretary, his family history from the time of his marriage to Martha Metcalf of that town is well known as is the fact that on the 16th of March 1732 their son Benjamin was born. But who that son married and what children were born to him, was, a short time since unknown to your directors or to the descendants of Samuel Hills of Alstead born in 1766, who we now know was the son of Benjamin, born in 1732. The facts and deductions are as follows. Wrentham is in southeastern Massachusetts some fifteen miles north of Providence. In Arnold's Vital Records of Rhode Island is recorded the marriage on the 11th of August 1757, of Benjamin Hill of Providence and Mrs. Molly Metcalf, and in the records of the town of Wrentham under date of October 25, 1758, is noted the birth of Molly, daughter of Benjamin and Molly Hills. Brought up on a farm, Benjamin Hills was doubtless in Providence during his young manhood for a business training, and there met and married Molly Metcalf who was probably a connection of his mother's family.

When he died in 1766 he left three children, the daughter and a son Benjamin, born in 1760, children of the Providence marriage, and Samuel, afterwards of Alstead, undoubtedly the son of a second wife.

The Morse Genealogy states that "Nathan Morse, born February 27, 1750, died in New York 1841, married Elizabeth [Stevens] Hills." It appears by the records of Worcester County, that September 10, 1761, Benjamin Hills, trader, then of Westboro, a town about fifteen miles northwest of his native Wrentham, and Thomas Fuller of the last named place, bought land in the Worcester County town, and that two years later Fuller conveyed his interest in the real estate to his partner in the purchase, who as grantee in a deed which conveyed to him an estate in the adjoining town of Grafton, is declared at its date, January 2, 1764, to be still of Westboro.

A little later, Benjamin Hills of Grafton, sells to Fuller an interest in the estate they had formerly owned together, and to the deed which he gave, Elizabeth Stevens appended her name as a witness. There can be little doubt that this Elizabeth soon after wrote her surname Hills and later Morse. Samuel Hills afterwards of Alstead, was born March 9, 1766, and on December 3d of that year the bond as administratrix of "Elizabeth Hills widow of Benjamin Hills of Grafton, trader," was filed in the probate court. These two dates make it clear that shortly before or after the birth of the infant Samuel, his father had died.

At the division of his estate in February 1784, one third of it, the widow's dower, was "set off to Elizabeth wife of Nathan Morse."

August 1, 1766, David Hills of New Ipswich, a brother of Benjamin Hills, was appointed by the probate court of Hillsboro County, N. H., guardian of Benjamin the eldest son of the decedent. September 21, 1768 Samuel Crowell of Wrentham was appointed to the same office by the Massachusetts court, and was later suceeeded by Nathan Morse the husband of the step-mother of the ward. A guardian's bond in the probate court of Cheshire County, N. H., dated May 12, 1780, showed that Samuel Hills of Alstead, a minor, was the ward of Nathaniel S. Prentice of that town, and that he was the son of "Benjamin Hills late of Grafton, Worcester County, State of Massachusetts Bay, deceased." Molly Hills, the daughter born in Wrentham in 1758, married about 1776, Moses Sherman of Grafton, and in that town the births of their ten children are recorded. By a deed dated March 18, 1784, "Moses Sherman, Yeoman, and Molly his wife and Benjamin Hills student, all of Grafton," sell their interest in their father's estate.

As a minor Samuel Hills could not convey real estate at that date, but the land and probate records that have been referred to, with evidence from other sources, conclusively prove that he was a descendant of the English emigrant who was born in Billericay in 1602, by the line we have indicated.

And now having given for a New Hampshire branch the facts that determine the ancestors from whom its members received their name, a line covering more than three hundred years, we

ask of our Connecticut members and all descendants of William Hills, first of the Church of the Apostle Eliot in Roxbury and from about 1635 of Hartford, assistance that shall prove what is at present only a theory to be a genealogical fact, or that will relegate it to the limbo of plausible but disproved speculation. A large number of the descendants of Samuel Hills who at the age of seventy-six was living in Lebanon in the year 1747, can have the satisfaction of tracing their lineage to the English emigrant of 1632 and his wife Phillis Lyman, if, as seems very probable, this Samuel can be proved to be a grandson of the head of the Connecticut branch. The facts in our possession enable us to make this statement. Our investigations have convinced us that no persons carrying the surname Hills were in New England earlier than the last quarter of the seventeenth century, who were not descendants of William or Joseph, both of whom landed at Boston, one in 1632 the other in 1638.

Those who could claim Joseph as their ancestor are all known down to a time much later than the birth of the Samuel who in his old age was of Lebanon, and among them there were none of that name who could by any possibility have been a resident of Connecticut in 1747. The last Samuel who was born in the seventeenth century who was a descendant of Joseph, had died nearly fifteen years before that date. As William of Hartford had no son of that name, it seems safe to assume that the resident of Lebanon in 1747, who was born in 1671, was his grandson. Upon this assumption whose son was he? Fairly satisfactory records of the early descendants of all the sons of William are in our possession, except as to those of his son John. Savage in his Genealogical Dictionary, grouping all of the name of Hill or Hills together, says that John was married at Saybrook in Connecticut, and had Samuel, who was born May 29, 1671. By the records of that town, it appears that John Hill married Jane Bushnell April 14, 1670, and that Samuel their son was born there on the 29th of May of the succeeding year. An abstract of all the records of that town concerning those of the name of Hill or Hills who were living there in the seventeenth century, fails to show the existence in that place of the family established by that marriage at any

date subsequent to 1671. This would seem to be accounted for by the fact that not long after the birth of Samuel, William Hills who was a large land holder in Hockanum or East Hartford, made deeds of gift to sons and sons-in-law, who occupied the land conveyed as homesteads. John died upon the estate which he had received from his father in 1692, making a nuncupative will, sworn to September 1st of that year by "Lieut. Jonathan Hill age 28 and Dorothy Hill age 25 * * as followeth:—That when our brother John Hill lay sick of the sicknes whereof he died, we did hear him say, that when his debts were paid, his wife shall enjoy all his estate during her mortal life, and what was left after her decease, shall be divided equally between his two daughters, and being of good understanding and memory when he so declared."

It will be noticed that no son is mentioned, and that the recording clerk wrote the surname Hill, although we know, what he should have known, that William Hills and his sons had carried our name with the final "s" for more than half a century in that community.

Samuel Hills whom we have designated as of Lebanon, married Phebe Leonard of Duxbury, Mass., November 6, 1694, and thereafter resided in that town for more than thirty years.

In 1747 he was living in Lebanon as was also his son Samuel, who was born in Duxbury in 1701, and married Hannah Turner of the adjoining town of Marshfield, November 1, 1722; both families removing to Connecticut some four years later. The most important evidence in this connection is the deposition of father and son referred to in our last report [page 7] which shows that the elder Samuel was born in 1671; determines the time of residence in Duxbury, and the return, as it is believed to be, to Connecticut.

To the acceptance of the theory that the John who married Jane Bushnell in Saybrook in 1670, was the son of William of Hartford and the father of Samuel who in his young manhood was of Duxbury and in old age of Lebanon, there are two objections. The fact that no son was mentioned by John when he made a verbal disposition of his estate which was accepted as

his will, and that the marriage record at Saybrook is that of a John Hill, while the deposition of Samuel of Lebanon and his son by their signatures, and the family records and signatures of their descendants, show that he was born to and known by the name of Hills. In support of the theory, the answer must be that John had been married but twenty-two years when he died. His children must have been young. If Samuel was his son he was just twenty one years old, and might well be supposed to be able to care for himself without an allowance from a small estate needed for the maintinance of the widow and daughters. It is reasonable to suppose there were other sons; if there were, they also were not provided for.

The fact that we know that among the early settlers in the valley of the Connecticut there was a family who undoubtedly carried the surname Hill [see report of 1896 page 4] lends more than the usual force to the doubt of identity. We have no means of knowing that one of the sons or grandsons of William Hill of Dorchester in Massachusetts and Windsor in Connecticut, was not the husband of Jane Bushnell, and can only answer that recording officers in colonial times, almost invariably wrote our name without the final "s" and that signatures alone can be relied on for documentary evidence of the true surname. Among the minor objections to the theory that Samuel of Lebanon was of the Connecticut branch, is the fact that the first certain reference to him is that of his marriage in Duxbury, a place far from the banks of the Connecticut. The objection it must be admitted has weight if we consider only the difficulties of a land journey in the early colonial days, between the river and the sea coast of Massachusetts bay; but as the bay town was a port, the distance was an easy voyage for a coasting vessel. And then, too, it must be remembered that whoever was his father he was undoubtedly a Hills. He was not of the house of Joseph of Massachusetts and there was but one other house to which he could belong:—that of William of Connecticut. When late in life, nearer sixty than fifty years old, he settled in Connecticut, it is easy to understand his motive if he was returning to the vicinity of his old home or those of relatives, but difficult to find a reason for the abandonment of

the place where his wife and children were born and where he had lived with them for more than thirty years, if the change would oblige him to pass the remainder of his days among strangers.

And then, too, Savage says a Samuel Hill or Hills was born in Saybrook in 1671, and Samuel of Lebanon declares on oath that he was seventy-six years old in 1747; that is, his birth year was 1671. Of the few of our name who were born or resided in Connecticut before 1750 it is extremely improbable that there were two Samuel Hills born in that year; and what we know of the descendants of William, Joseph, Benjamin and Jonathan, sons of William, and what we do not know of the children of John, his other son, and the documentary and other evidence that has been brought to our notice,—all point to the almost absolute certainty that the infant who was born in Saybrook, May 29, 1671, was the son of John, the grandson of William of Hartford, and the resident of Lebanon in 1747. It is most earnestly desired that if any member of our Association or descendant of any ancestor of the Connecticut branch of our family name, has any proof or information as to the parentage of this Samuel Hills, that it will be promptly communicated to our General Secretary.

As we have often stated, the researches that have been made up to the close of the present year have disclosed but three branches of the family name in America. Among the early residents of Boston there were several families carrying the surname Hill, while a single entry in the town's birth records was the only indication given, by the indices of its Record Commissioners, that the name Hills had been found in that community at any time in the seventeenth or eighteenth centuries. That birth record read, "Susanna, of John and Susanna Hills, born June 13, 1686." Within a short time it has been brought to our notice that a grave stone in the Granary Burying Ground bears this inscription, "Here lyes ye body of John Hills, aged about 26 years. Died November 21, 1690." The death recorded in 1697, "Susanna Hill, Dyed 18 Oct." was doubtless that of his widow. With no sons to transmit the name, it could only appear again upon the marriage or death of the daughter.

But the same gentleman who called to our attention the inscription on the ancient gravestone, has also given us reference to probate records and published works that seem to be conclusive. and indicate that we can welcome a fourth group of distant cousins who, in the order determined by the arrival of their English ancestor, take third rank among the branches transplanted from Old to New England.

Following the name as we find it recorded until the proof is presented that the true surname is Hills, it appears that Henry Hill was born in England about 1656. This date is determined by the inscription upon his tomb in the Granary, Boston's third burying ground, which reads as follows: "Here lies buried the body of Deacon Henry Hill. Died July 8th, 1726, aged 70 years. This tomb was erected by his sons John and Thomas Hill." Mary, his widow, died, it is stated, in 1732.

The earliest date in the records of Boston for either Henry Hill or his wife, is that of the birth of their daughter Mary, January 23, 1691. If that date indicates approximately the time of his arrival in America, it is probable that he was married in England. The town records show that in 1699 he was chosen as one of the "tything men," and that he was annually re-elected to that office for several years. In 1700 he was a constable. In 1713 he was elected as one of the assessors, but he declined to serve. In 1715 with several others he was chosen to serve as one of the "clarks of the market." On the 13th of June of the same year the town "Voted, A grant to Mesu^{es}: Henry Hill***Samuel Adams, & their Assosiates and Successors for ever, a Peice of Land, Commonly Called Church Green, Nigh Summer Street in Boston.***for the Erecting thereon an Ediffice for a Meeting House for the Publick Worship of God;" and later in the year he was of a committee to locate and "consider ab^t the dementions of" a school house.

In 1701 he hired of the town the beach that was then at the southerly end of South Street, and at a later date having purchased the land at what is now the southwesterly corner of South and Essex Streets he built thereon a "still house," and in connection with it the structure that is shown on the Burgess map of 1729 as Hills wharf. In 1713 his petition for "liberty of makeing" South Street "more Commodious and Straight," shows that at that time

he had "Lands Abutting on each Side" of that street, and seven years later, as appears by an order of the selectmen in relation to the pavement at the lower end of Summer Street, that he owned real estate in that location.

In 1723 the selectmen in "Stating of the Several Walkes" of the twenty-five watchmen who then were the night police of the town, made "Mr. Hills' Still house" one of the bounds; and for the government of the force their vote was, that "the Watchmen are directed to walke Silently and Slowly, now and then to Stand Still and Listen in order to make discovery. And no Smoking to be on their walking the Rounds." The children of Henry and Mary Hill born in Boston were,

Mary,	born Jan. 23, 1691.	Married Benjamin White, Feb. 4, 1713.
Anna,	born Sept. 9, 1694.	Married Thomas Down, Oct. 14, 1714.
John,	born Jan. 4, 1697.	
John,	born Aug. 7, 1700.	Married Elizabeth Maxwell, May 15, 1722.
Thomas,	born June 11, 1704.	Married Hannah Cushing, July 13, 1727.
Ebenezer,	born Feb. 15, 1705.	

The children who married survived their father. It appears that his descendants were property holders of his land when the direct tax of the United States was levied in 1798. Henry Hill was taxed as owner of the "Distill House" corner of South and Essex Streets, a dwelling on the west side of South Street, and four dwellings "on Hills wharf"***"near the Distill house," and also as owner and occupant, for an estate of more than twenty-five thousand square feet of land and a dwelling on the northerly side of Summer near High Street.

Thomas Hill, as owner and occupant, was assessed for a lot of land, a wharf and "a Distill House***in Essex Street adjoining Henry Hills Distill House." The last assessment of property of which Henry Hill died possessed reads as follows: "Juba Hill, occupant and owner, a lot of land, a wooden building thereon intended for a dwelling house on Hills Wharf so called, 810 square feet, valued at 800 Dollars."

The evidence that the surname of this family was not Hill but Hills, is found in the fact that when Henry Hill made his will on the eighth day of May 1726, after describing himself as a distiller, he speaks of his two sons, John and Thomas, his daughter Mary White, widow of Benjamin White, and her children, his daughter

Anna Downs, wife of Thomas Downs; his kinswoman, Anne Watts, "daughter of Thomas Watts, and Dennis his wife, my sister," living at a place called Margate in the Isle of Thanate, Kent, and his wife Mary. To this will which he signed as Henry Hill, the first witness was Samuel Adams, his associate founder of the new South Church, and the link that connects the testator with his English progenitors is found in a publication of marriage licenses issued from Canterbury in Kent by the ecclesiastical authorities of the Cathedral City. In the third of the series, page 496, this record appears: "Watts Thomas, of St. John in Thanat, seaman, twenty-three and upwards, whose parents are dead, and Dennis Hills of St. Peter in Thanat, spinster, nineteen, daughter of Henry Hills, who consents. William Watts of St. John aforesaid, seaman, bonds. January 24, 1671." Here then we have what seems to be conclusive proof that in Old England in the County of Kent, less than sixty miles from the spot where our name originated, the father of Henry Hill of Boston was living in 1671, and that when young Henry, as a boy of fifteen, attended his sister's wedding, he was known as Henry Hills, Junior; and it was as his neice that he recognized Anne Watts, his sister's daughter, as his kinswoman, and mentioned her in his will.

As our genealogical publication will be arranged in groups, each branch by itself, there is ample time for the descendants of Henry Hills and Mary his wife to send in their family records.

All that can be made to connect with this English emigrant will have their line of descent shown in connection with those of their cousins who can also claim him as an ancestor, and our agent in England, as he searches for earlier ancestors than are now known in the lines of William, Joseph, and the sons of John, will remember that there are others in New England who are interested in the pedigree of Henry, who was of St. Peters in Thanat two hundred and thirty years ago.

While we hope for the utmost assistance that the information of any descendant can furnish, we trust that partial lists going back only a generation if nothing earlier can be given, will be sent to our Secretary, as well as those that cover every life in the required line. Such returns should be made at the early conve-

nience of those interested, certainly before our next meeting in June, 1902.

Under an agreement which has been described in former reports the work in England has progressed during the past year without definite results. The descendants of either of the emigrants who brought our name to New England concerning whose ancestry an important discovery is made, will be asked to contribute to a special fund made up of the contributions of his descendants, to recompense the investigator whose work has disclosed the valuable information. The means at our disposal will not admit ot a more generous remuneration to our agent.

After an absence of four years Mr. Withington returned to New England in October last to attend the golden wedding of his parents. In an interview with your committee on foreign investigation, your president and senior director obtained a better idea of the difficulties of English genealogical research than they had acquired by much correspondance. Certain of his conclusions which he considered as definitely determined would make an interesting addition to this report; but as they connect with our American lines only as probabilities, they are reserved for future use.

The most important work that remains to be done in the mother country is the discovery of the birthplace and parentage of William the emigrant of 1632, the first of our family to make a home in America, the ancestor of all of our name who claim early Connecticut projenitors. While the difficulties that surround the search may prove insurmountable, enough has been accomplished to justify the belief that future investigation is localized to a circle of short radius, and that at some time, we will hope in the not distant future, the early home of William of Roxbury and Hartford will be known.

The location in England of that branch of the family to which your president and treasurer and several life members belong, is known by the lives of four generations of Kentish residents.

It was ascertained nearly five years since, that Joseph the emigrant of 1638 was born in the parish of Great Burstead in Billericay in the County of Essex, where his parents were married October 13th, 1596. For this important discovery

we were indebted to descendants of Smith Hills, who were residents of Leominster, to which place their ancestor removed from Newbury in 1774. From generation to generation the children and grandchildren of the grandson of the English emigrant had carefully preserved a manuscript book of original entries of business transactions, recorded both in Old and New England by their ancestor Joseph. Among them a single nearly obliterated word was the key that opened the way to the Essex County record of his birth.

The leading and representative member of the Leominster group was our life member, Mrs. Frances Hills Drake. In addition to her share in the gift to our Association of the ancient book, we are under obligation to her for a complete genealogy of the Leominster branch of the family. Since we last met she has passed from life on earth. She was the daughter of William and Mary [Hills] Wilder. The record of her birth gives the date Oct. 25, 1814, that of her death Sept. 23, 1900. Beginning with George Hills of Billericay, her ancestors who were born to our name and their birth years were Joseph, 1602; Samuel, 1652; Smith, 1705; Silas, 1760; Mary, 1787, married William Wilder, 1812. From a local publication we learn that in early life, when to be an abolitionist or to befriend one of the oppressed race to escape from slavery, was, even in our own Commonwealth, not only unpopular but dangerous, there came to her house as guests, Garrison, Phillips, Douglass, and other prominent advocates of the anti-slavery cause, and it also received those who were fleeing from bondage, who, carefully concealed, were given shelter till they could be transferred to a station nearer to Canada and freedom. Her daily life made friends of all who knew her. We are glad to know that her faithful and loving spirit was gently released from its earthly dwelling.

Jabez Hills, great-grandson of the emigrant of 1638, was born in Malden in 1699. He settled in Wrentham as early as 1724. The farm that he cultivated still remains in the family. Upon it his son Joseph, some forty years later, built a dwelling which still stands in what is now the town of Franklin. From it he departed to do a soldier's duty in the war of the Revolution. Beneath its roof he died in 1815 at the good old age of eighty-five. He was

buried in the cemetery at Franklin, Mass., and the following lengthy but characteristic epitaph placed upon his gravestone:

"He was true to his word,
And faithful to his trust;
He was kind to the poor,
And inflexiably just.
Labour and temperance
Both blessed him with ease,
And freed him from sickness
And every disease.
He lived well contented
'Till he came to the age
Which commands every man
To go off from the stage."

This epitaph was nearly obliterated by re-grading of the cemetery by the town in 1900.

His son Jason in 1765, his grandson Lewis in 1794, and his great-grandson Joseph Gilmore Hills on the 20th of September, 1822, were all born within its walls. When the representative of the fourth generation died there, Nov. 16, 1900, the old homestead passed to Frank Sheridan Hills and his two sisters, great-great-grandchildren of Captain Joseph Hills, the Revolutionary patriot. Its last possessor for three successive years before our Association was incorporated, gathered at the farm those who could claim it as the home of their ancestors, and from those who gathered there have come some of our most active and valuable members.

Rei Hills was born in Windham, N. H., June 26, 1817. For more than sixty years he lived in his native town, elder of its church, superintendent of its Sunday-school, moderator, teacher and superintendent of public schools, selectman, treasurer, and representative to the legislature. His useful life closed at Warren, Mass., December 23, 1900.

Among the earliest to be recorded as a corresponding Secretary of our Association was Alexander Mitchell Hills of Auburn. He was the representative of our organization for Cayuga County, New York. Holding high rank in the Masonic fraternity, and with a host of friends in the city that was his life-long home, he died March 17, 1901.

Respectfully submitted,
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HILLS FAMILY

Genealogical and Historical Association.

INCORPORATED JULY 6, 1894.

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

BARNARD MEMORIAL BUILDING,
BOSTON, June 3, 1902.

To the Members of the Corporation:

When our association was incorporated in 1894, the material that a few of its members had collected in relation to their direct line of Ancestry, and abstracts of Probate and land records from the registers of Suffolk, Middlesex and Essex counties made by your president, formed practically all the genealogical information at our command. The response of those of the name, or connected with it by marriage, to our call for family records, while far from what was desired, has been, perhaps, as full as could be expected. The work of our corresponding secretaries has put the association in possession of much valuable information, which, but for their efforts, would not have been available. All papers and reports were committed to Mr. William Sanford Hills, the Senior of our Board of Directors. From the first, the libraries of the New England Historic and Genealogical Society and of the city of Boston were freely used by him. At his own expense he has caused abstracts of court and land records to be made in various counties of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. All accumulated mate-

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rial had been so far analyzed and arranged that in June, 1900, your Directors voted that he, with the President, acting as a committee, be authorized to prepare the genealogy of the family for publication. The fact that for many years he has been totally blind, required that the transcribing of his arranged material should be done by his secretaries. After his appointment as Chairman of the committee he still continued to do all the work, except the comparatively trifling amount contributed by his colleague, which consisted mainly in the revision of the work of his copyists without reference to his authorities or original documents, and the preparation of such statements as were deemed to be needed in connection with emigrant ancestors, and in certain cases to give the evidence that established genealogical facts. His associate on the committee was, however, so far familiar with his system of arrangement and methods, that the work of preparation for the printer could have been carried on if for any reason he had been compelled to relinquish it. But both members of the committee are well advanced in years, and your Board of Directors have thought it advisable, by the publication of the genealogy of the five generations of the family that can now be given to the press, to insure the association against possible loss, by fire, of its accumulations, or, by death, of the information that has been gained, that was not of record. They accordingly authorized the printing of the work which follows this report. It will be forwarded without charge to our members, and given to those who being eligible to membership shall join our ranks during the coming year. And as it is desirable that it should be examined by all interested in our genealogy, it will be forwarded to any person who shall make application for it, accompanied by the one dollar which is the annual assessment of the members of the association. It is important that all persons who may have information in relation to the birth, marriage, or death of any of the descendants of William, the emigrant of 1632, the head of the Connecticut branch, or of Joseph, the emigrant of 1638, the head of the family in Massachusetts,

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which is not fully set forth in this partial genealogy, or who may have knowledge of a line, that, covering one or more generations, or even a single family, which can or cannot connect with any of the lines given in the work, should communicate it to the committee at once.

It is the intention of the directors to immediately prepare copy for the printer, of the sixth and subsequent generations. The record now given to the family and the public is not as perfect as the committee desire, and one of the reasons of issuing it is that its errors and omissions may be noted, that with the best information obtainable, this publication, duly revised and corrected, be made a part of a complete genealogy. Those who favor the Committee on Publication with additions or corrections will please communicate with the president of the association.* The committee will recommend to the directors that a copy of the work now issued be given to those who shall furnish information of special value. While genealogical information will be gladly received at any time, the promise of the Board of Directors is here given that such as shall be forwarded before Jan. 1, 1903, will appear in the genealogy of the Hills family, which will be prepared for publication as speedily as possible after that date.

Respectfully submitted,
For the Board of Directors,
THOMAS HILLS, *President.*

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NECROLOGY, 1901–02.

On the 3d of July, 1901, near the close of what for Boston had been a long heated term, **William Nathaniel Hills** left his home in his usual health. Business called him from the city. The day was intensely hot. His partners endeavored to persuade him to postpone his trip until it could be made with less discomfort. But prompt attention to business was his habit, and he went at once to Ipswich, a town some twenty-five miles northeast of Boston. He accomplished the object of his visit, and had arrived at the railroad station for his return, when he fell unconscious from a stroke of apoplexy and soon ceased to breathe.

He answered the call for the preliminary meeting which resulted in the formation of our association, and from the date of its incorporation to that of his death, he was one of its directors. The interest he manifested in its work at the beginning was unabated during his term of service.

Born December 25, 1834, he died unmarried, and was buried at Lowell, Mass., the place of his birth.

His line from the emigrant of 1638 was: Joseph, 1602–1688; Samuel, 1652–1732; Smith, 1706–1788; Nathaniel, 1745–1832; Paul, born Newbury, 1789, died Lowell, 1864.

Philip Knapp Hills was born in Newburyport, May 6, 1820, and died in that city August 14, 1901. That he was a valuable citizen and enjoyed the respect and good-will of the residents of the place that was his lifelong home, was indicated by the appreciative notices of the local press at the time of his death. His business career was with the banks of Newburyport. For many years he was the treasurer of its Institution for Savings. His

public service for that city included four years with its School Committee, fourteen years as trustee of its Public Library, four years in its Common Council, and three years in its Board of Aldermen.

In his young manhood he was connected with its fire department, and in 1851 was elected an assistant engineer. Prominent in Odd Fellowship, he was a member of his lodge for more than half a century, and he died Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. One of the first members of the Newbury Historical Society, he appreciated the work of our association.

Although for several years before his death he was blind, yet with cheerful courage he retained his interest in all that had concerned him, and made the most of his opportunities.

His descent from Joseph Hills, who was born in England in 1602, emigrated to New England in 1638, was of Malden for many years before 1665 when he settled in Newbury, was through the emigrant's youngest son, Samuel, who died in Newbury in 1732. From Samuel^2 the line was through Joseph^3, Joseph^4, Joshua^5, Joshua^6 and Lydia (Knapp) Hills.

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Genealogical and Historical Association.

INCORPORATED JULY 6, 1894.

Ninth Annual Report of the Directors.

Barnard Memorial Building,
Boston, June 2nd, 1903.

To the Members of the Corporation:

Doubt may have existed as to the wisdom of publishing as our eighth annual report, the genealogical data that had been collected as to the early generations of the descendants of William Hills the emigrant of 1632 and of Joseph Hills the emigrant of 1638. If such doubts existed your directors are of opinion that results have justified the publication.

The genealogy of two branches of the family, as far as it was known, was put beyond the possibility of loss by fire, and what was only memoranda in the hands of the compiler, is now easily accessible in a permanent form. The statement that both members of the committee of publication several years since passed the "three score and ten" mark, and that one of them has just recovered from a somewhat serious illness, suggests a possibility that might indefinitely postpone any publication of the genealogy of the family.

It is difficult to avoid errors in genealogical work, and the more remote the generation the greater liability to mistake. Our pamphlet of 148 pages, was printed in a manner that clearly indicated the information desired by the compiler, and a reasonable time was given for the filling of its blanks and the correction of its errors. It was given to our members, and a copy was presented every known incorporated library in the United States.

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To the library of the State, the Public Library and to that of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, all in the city of Boston, and to the Connecticut Historical Society whose collections are in the city of Hartford, were given copies of the work interleaved with pages in blank, arranged for the correction of the text. A considerable number of corrections, and of names and dates for the filling of blanks, came into possession of the committee of publication before the middle of July; when the books were presented and duly acknowledged. Changes and additions since received will soon be united with those already recorded, that, until the full genealogy is published, all interested in our work may inspect a corrected record. With the Genealogical Data was bound the preceding reports of the association, the eight pamphlets making a volume of 248 pages. But for this publication, many lines that connect with the emigrants of the seventeenth century would have been unknown, and errors in the record of lives that were known, would have gone down to their descendants and have been accepted as facts. Your directors believe that the value of the publication justifies its cost as a part of the work of compiling a genealogy of the family.

That cost was nearly four hundred dollars, and in view of the fact that our constitution prohibits the directors incurring a debt greater than the funds in our treasury, the question naturally arises how was this expenditure met. The funds that could be spared from the treasury were used, and the needed balance was furnished by the president. That the amount so furnished is not a debt that can be enforced against the association is doubtless true, and the officer who paid the bills is perfectly willing to await reimbursement at the convenience of the corporation without demand for payment.

Among the substantial advantages that followed our publication was the new interest in our work manifested by a considerable number who had formerly been of our organization; or being eligible had never joined our ranks. The secretary will report the largest number we have ever had on our list of members. The fact that the price of the Genealogical Data was identical with the amount of annual assessment for membership; and that each member was entitled to a copy of the compilation may have led

some to join the association to obtain a copy of the work. But we hope that all whose names are now on our rolls will permit them to remain, and by their annual contributions help us to continue a work that is of advantage to all connected with the family.

All that the committee on the publication of the Hills Genealogy can do before preparing copy for the printer has been done. The last call for information has been made, and with the return of our senior director from his summer outing the work of preparing that copy will commence. We hope, a year hence, if unable to report in print to be able to say that the manuscript is ready for the press.

There has been some discussion as to the form the publication should take. Our name indicates that we are more than a genealogical society, and following the idea our title suggests some of our number have thought the work should include not only the brief genealogical facts of each individual life, but also an outline sketch of the incidents connected with it. If it were possible to publish the entire work in this form without unreasonable delay it would certainly be desirable to do so. But a call for the requisite information would probably bring but a small percentage of answers from those able to respond for themselves or their direct ancestors. With seven generations practically ignored, and the eighth but partially represented, the work in this form could not be just to all. And then, too, if a reasonable time were given for returns in reply to the call, to be followed by that needed for the delicate task of editing the more or less voluminous sketches, a year or more would undoubtedly be consumed in that part of the work.

But in the opinion of your directors a consideration that is absolutely controlling is the question of expense. We are a small family. The printing of the first five generations of the descendants of the two leading emigrants undoubtedly will diminish the demand for the finished work.

No reasonable estimate will show expected receipts from the sale of the work, in the most compact form in which it can be prepared, that will equal the cost of printing and binding the copies that can be sold.

Just how your directors will meet the expenses of a work, in which biographical sketches will be confined to those of the English emigrants and a few early settlers in whom many have a common interest, is a financial problem yet to be solved. While no expense should be spared to make the genealogy as complete as possible, common prudence demands that only such expenditures as are absolutely necessary to that end should be made.

The directors invite not only the members of the association, but all of our name, to send in concise sketches of themselves and their ancestors to our secretary. When the bills for our genealogical publications have been paid, our annual reports, by a system that we will hope will be just to all, can make these sketches a part of our literature.

We now call your attention to some interesting cases that show errors in our recent publication that will be corrected in our later work. Our printed record of Elizabeth, daughter of the emigrant Joseph, is that she was "baptized at Great Burstead, Billericay, Essex, England, October 21st, 1627, married George Blanchard of Malden, born in England about 1622, died in Malden March 18th, 1700. He was a son of Thomas Blanchard, of Charlestown, Mass.;" and then follows a list of sons and daughters who were undoubtedly children of George Blanchard, but not of Elizabeth Hills, for she was never his wife. Among those children there was an Elizabeth who married George Grimes in 1675, and a Hannah who married Thomas Shepard, Jr., in 1682.

The compiler of our Genealogical Data took as authority Wyman's Estates and Genealogies of Charlestown; which states that George Blanchard was the son of Thomas, who came in the ship Jonathan in 1639; that George, who died March 18, 1700, married first ——— Hills; second, Mary ———.

All the children of William Hills the emigrant of 1632 were born in Connecticut. Joseph Hills of Charlestown, Malden and Newbury had five daughters. Sarah died in infancy; Mehitable at the age of eleven; Mary married Captain John Wait and Rebecca, Capt. Thomas Green. Elizabeth was the only daughter that could have married a Blanchard.

Wyman knew these facts; that he had found a record that George Blanchard was born in 1622; that his will probated in

1700 recited that he was "George Blanchard of Charlestown in the County of Middlesex, sonn of Thomas Blanchard of Charlestown aforesaid" and that the first item in that instrument read "I give unto my first borne sonn Joseph Blanchard, borne by my first wife, ten shillings," and that no other reference was therein made as to the mother of that son. He also knew that Joseph Hills did not remove from Charlestown to Malden earlier than 1650, and that he was overseer of the will of Thomas Blanchard, who, "as a remembrance of" his "love" left him a small legacy; and that when the early settler at Malden made his will in September, 1687, he left land to his grandchildren, "Hannah and Elizabeth Blanchard."

Doubtless Wyman assumed that the unnamed wife of George Blanchard was a daughter of Joseph Hills, and that his daughters Hannah and Elizabeth were the legatees, who, by the will of the emigrant of 1638, received "fforty ffive acres of upland, and ffive acres of" meadow ground from the farm of the testator "att Dunstable, next to * * * Sonne Waites." But the compiler of the Charlestown records should have remembered that his own work showed that Elizabeth, the daughter of George Blanchard, had married George Grimes in 1675, and that her sister Hannah was the wife of Thomas Shepard in 1682; and, that if they were grandchildren of Joseph Hills, he could not in 1687 have referred to them as "Hannah and Elizabeth Blanchard."

Who, then, was the husband of Elizabeth Hills?

Thomas Blanchard died May 21st, 1654. But an allotment of woodland in March, 1658, shows that John, George, Nathaniel and Samuel "Blancheer" were still inhabitants of Charlestown. The will of Thomas makes clear the fact that George and Nathaniel were his sons. Savage in his Genealogical Dictionary says that John was a brother of Thomas, that he was born in England; and that "by wife Elizabeth had Hannah born January 6th, 1659, and other children;" that "he removed to Dunstable in its early days; was there one of the founders of the church 16 December 1685, and a deacon." His will dated March 13th, 1693, was probated April 10th, 1694. His widow was "Hanna." His children mentioned in that instrument were sons Benjamin, Joseph, James, Thomas and Nathaniel; and daughters Elizabeth

Parish, Hannah Reed, Sarah and Mary Blanchard. Upon these statements the inference is easy, that Elizabeth and Hannah were the daughters of the Elizabeth who Savage says was the first wife of John Blanchard; and that all the other children were sons and daughters of a second or subsequent wife. For, if only seven years before John Blanchard died, Joseph Hills, in providing for his descendants by his will, had had other grandchildren in this Blanchard family, he would have given them a share of his estate.

But the claim that John Blanchard was the husband of Elizabeth Hills need not rest on inference, — it can be proved. Among the items of the will of September, 1687, are the following: "To my sonne Wayte, I give * * * fforty ffive acres of my ffarme land att Dunstable, at that side or end thereof, next to that wch. I have given to my daughter Hannah * * * also ffive acres of my meadow ground, next to my daughter Hannahs" — "To my grandchildren Hannah and Elizabeth Blanchard, I give fforty ffive acres of upland and ffive acres of my meadow ground of my ffarme att Dunstable, next my sonne Waits" — To my son Gersham, I give the like quantity of upland and meadow, next to said Blanchards." Captain John Wait died in Malden September 26th, 1693. In the division of his estate the Dunstable land he received from his father-in-law, was set off, one half to his son John, one half to his son Samuel.

The home lot of Robert Parish, the husband of Elizabeth Blanchard, was next that of his father-in-law in Dunstable. He died in Chelsea, to which place he probably removed after the Indian massacre in the frontier town of 1703.

His will dated August 31st, 1709, probated September 5th of that year, recites, that he was "formerly of the town of Dunstable, now living in Rumbelde [Rumney] Marsh, in the County of Suffolk." He bequeathed to his wife, Elizabeth, his homestead in Dunstable and other lands for her life; and provided that after her "desest that the above said land and meadow, shall be equally divided between" his "tow beloved dafters, Marcy Richardson and Hannah Goff" and added; "I give and bequeath to Hezekiah Usher, fifty acres of land, which my father John Blanchard, gave my wife in his will; also I give and bequeath to the above said Usher, that fifty acres of land, that her grandfather Hill gave to her in his will."

March 23rd, 1722, Hezekiah Usher of "Lynne," * * * conveyed to John Usher of Dunstable, certain lands in that town. "One distinct parcel of upland thereof, lying in a farm called and known by the name of Hills Farm; being the one half part of forty five acres, be the same more or less; the whole being bounded as followeth; westerly on the Merrimack River, northerly by land that was formerly Gershom Hills, easterly by the towns common land and southerly by the land of John Waight to Merrimack River where we began; as also two acres and a half of meadow, lying in the great meadow on the east side of Merrimack River, called and known by the name of Hills Great Meadow, which is not yet laid out. Also fifty acres more or less on the east side of Merrimack River, lying in a tract of land containing 390 acres; which land was formerly John Blanchard's and remains as yet * * * undivided"

That John Blanchard, who was born in England and died in Dunstable about 1694, was the husband of Elizabeth, the daughter of the emigrant Joseph Hills; and that she was the mother of the Elizabeth Blanchard who married first Robert Parish and second Thomas Burrage; would seem to be clear beyond question; even if Mr. Vinton in his Richardson Genealogy, did not record the fact that Mercy Parish was the daughter of Elizabeth Blanchard; and the ancient manuscript records of Charlestown, did not contain an entry that reads, "Hannah Bllancher, daughter of John Bllancher and Elizabeth his wife; borne the 6th day of the 12th month, 1658."

Our compiler has succeeded in tracing the lines of the eleven grandsons of Joseph Hills, the emigrant; who were sons of Samuel of the second generation. But the record that was least satisfactory was that relating to Daniel, the tenth son. It was published a year since as follows, "Daniel[3] [Samuel[2] Joseph[1]], born Newbury, Mass., December 8, 1700. Removed from Nottingham, West N. H. to Halifax, Nova Scotia, about 1754; married [published Newbury, December 5, 1724] Elizabeth Riggs, of Gloucester, Mass." The only children of this marriage of whom record was found were daughters Ruth and Abigail, born in Newbury; the elder February 5, 1726, her sister May 10, 1728. Circumstances that will be stated in this connection have caused a

special search to be made for all the facts that were of record. in relation to the head of this family. In 1733 he conveyed land in Newbury to his brother Joseph. In 1740 he sold an estate which was situated in Litchfield, N. H., and located between estates of his brothers Nathaniel and Henry, to his nephew Joseph Hills, Jr. What in our published record was accepted as authority for the statement that he removed to Halifax, was a conveyance dated July 19, 1753, of certain lands in "West Nottingham, formerly in the township of Dunstable." In that deed the grantor recited that he was "Daniel Hills of Halifax, in the County of Halifax, in the Province of Nova Scotia, in America, but late of Newbury, in the County of Essex." These abstracts of his real estate transactions indicate a sale of his Newbury home, a temporary residence in New Hampshire where two of his brothers had settled, and, taken in connection with his military record, that he was of a roving disposition, not only in his early manhood but in middle life. That record shows that he was one of the New England soldiers that captured Louisburg in 1745, and that from March 1748 to September 1749, with the rank of captain, he was in command of a detached company in His Majesty's service. The muster rolls of his command were written by him, are authenticated by his signature, and are duly attested. In them he gives his residence as of Newbury, to which place he doubtless returned from New Hampshire. It is possible that his family were with him in Nova Scotia in 1753, but as he was again in military service with a Massachusetts company in February 1756, it is much more probable that his duty as a soldier required his presence in Halifax, and that the misleading statements of the deed of July 19, 1753, can be attributed to the scribe who drew the instrument.

In the autumn of 1755, Richard Gridley, who twenty years later planned the redoubt on Bunker Hill, was requested by the Massachusetts House of Deputies, "for the necessity of the service to assist them" by commanding the Colony's train of artillery in the second expedition against Crown Point. By the "express" that was "immediately dispatched to him for his answer," he replied that he would accept the commission. In June 1756 he was at Albany "drilling his men. He was not supplied with provisions or with tools; his ammunition was unfit for use; his gun

carriages were constantly breaking." It was doubtless the expectation that transportation of his guns would strain or break their supports, that led Colonel Gridley to enlist "artificers" for their repair. In that capacity Daniel Hills performed his last military service. His name was high upon the company's muster roll, with wages about twice those of the rank and file. When, in the early winter of that year, the train returned to the sea coast, its leader, as "Chief Engineer and Commander of ye train," under date of February 16, 1757, made his final report.

In the tabulated list appears the name of Daniel Hills, with rank as carpenter. Under the heading "Entered service," the date is February 18th; under that "Until what time in service," October 28. The reason that he was released earlier than his comrades, is given in a vacant column, in a single word, "died."

During the past winter, a lady whose father and grandfather were known, respectively, as Henry and Warren Hill, was in correspondence, first with your President and then with our senior director, the compiler of our genealogical publication. Her object was to discover, if possible, her remote ancestry, and especially to ascertain if the tradition in her family that their true surname was Hills, had a foundation of fact. She stated that her grandfather's father was named Timothy, and that in 1812 a colonel's commission was issued to him as Timothy Hills; and that he was the son of a Daniel, who came from Salisbury, Mass., to Northfield, N. H., where he died, some time after the 16th of December, 1794, the date of his will.

It has long been known to your directors that on July 10, 1846, by an act of the legislature of New Hampshire, thirty-nine persons, twenty-two men, [one of whom was named Warren] and seventeen women, had their surnames changed from Hills to Hill. For future reference their names are given in a foot-note to this page.

NOTE.—Abijah, Albert K., Alden, Amos, Amanda J., Betsey, Charles W., Daniel C., Edward, Eliza A., Elizabeth J., Franklin A., George E., George P., Granville, Hannah A., Harriet, Joseph A., Justin E., Lucinda S., Mary, Mary F., Nancy C., Oliver, Reuben, Robert D., Rachel, Rebecca H., Ruth, Sarah J., Susan B., Thomas, Warren and William, were of the town of Hudson; and Alonzo, Asa S., Betsey, Hannah and Jonathan were of the adjoining town of Litchfield. We are glad to add, that by the same method that removed the final "s" from their surnames, some, whose names are in this list, had it restored.

The natural inference that in the Warren who dropped the "s" from his surname we find the grandfather of our correspondent, is met by the fact that the father of that Warren was named Elijah, and that he was not a resident of Northfield.

There can be no question that Captain Daniel Hills died October 28, 1756. It is equally certain that there was a Daniel Hills who was of Newbury in December 1756, when his intention of marriage with Hannah Emery was posted in that town; and also on the 10th of May, 1757, when, as the record of the town clerk states, he was married. That the young couple continued to reside in Newbury appears from the fact that under date of June 10, 1757, Daniel Hills is returned as one of the train band of that town. Our record of the Newbury branch of the family at that date is sufficiently clear to justify the statement, that if the husband of Hannah Emery was born in Newbury, he was the son of Daniel and Elizabeth [Riggs] Hills. The fact that his birth is not recorded in that town suggests that he was born during the residence of the family in New Hampshire.

But wherever the place of his nativity, there could be no question as to his parentage, but for a record made by Captain Daniel Hills in 1749. The muster rolls of the detachments he commanded show that the service of the company was in what was then the wilds of Maine; with headquarters first at Gorhamtown, afterwards at New Marblehead; places now known as Otisfield and Windham; some fifteen or twenty miles northwest from Portland.

Both rolls are in the handwriting of the captain. The first is dated January 8, 1749, and contains the name of Daniel Hills, Junior, with a rank as "Centinal," and a term of service from May 1st to December 4th, 1748. The place of residence of the young soldier is given as "Ditton." The second sheet is dated July 12, 1749. It repeats the previous record as to name and rank, dates the entrance to the service December 5th, its end as December 25th, 1748, and states that this junior was of "Dyton," and that he had received "noe pay or subsistance since ye 5th of Decem."

Who was this young Daniel, and when on Christmas day in 1748 he left the camp, somewhat thin we must suppose, if he had

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no subsistance for twenty days, did he return to his home, or did he go to Newbury, remain among his relatives and marry Hannah Emery eight and a half years later?

The young sentinel may have been the son of the captain, who had started out early in life to make a home for himself in southeastern Massachusetts, seventy-five or one hundred miles from Newbury by the rude roads of the colonial times. Though distant, the location would not have been unreasonable.

Samuel, the captain's eldest brother, and some of his cousins had settled in Rehoboth, a town adjoining Dighton, very early in the eighteenth century; and it would not be strange if any one of the family made a home in their neighborhood. But no son of the captain could have been born before 1729. The Daniel of Newbury, who married in May, 1757, was probably born about 1733. If fifteen years of age, he would be too young for the hardships of a soldier's life upon the frontier. Even if nineteen years old, still too young; certainly not old enough to be a non-commissioned officer of a detached company doing scouting duty.

Assuming that the captain was the uncle of the sentinel, what are the probabilities that the assumption can be maintained? Samuel, the brother of the commander, was born in Newbury February 16th, 1680, nearly sixty-nine years before the first muster roll of 1749 was written. We have no record of children who were born to him before he settled in Rehoboth; Margaret, his eldest child born in that town, is of record June 11th, 1711. We know he was of Swansea, a town that adjoins both Rehoboth and Dighton, as early as 1708. It is not probable that he bought land nearly a hundred miles from his native place before he married; or that no child was born to him until after he was more than thirty-one years old.

Assume a son Daniel born when he was twenty-five years old, and a grandson of that name twenty-one years later, the Daniel Hills, Junior, would have been twenty-two years old in 1748, and might well be a sentinel in His Majesty's service. If this non-commissioned officer was born in southeastern Massachusetts he must have been the grandson of Samuel of Swansea and Rehoboth, or of Samuel of Duxbury, who was a grandson of William of Hartford. The Duxbury Samuel had six sons, Philip, Samuel,

Richard, Ebenezer, Ephraim and Joseph; but no Daniel. His oldest grandson, James, son of Philip, was born in 1727, too late, even if his name had been Daniel, to have a son old enough to be a soldier in 1748. There is room for no other reasonable conclusion but that the Daniel, junior, who was of the company commanded by Captain Daniel Hills of Newbury, was a grandson of Samuel who died in Rehoboth in 1732. It remains to consider the possibility that the young soldier did not return to his home, but went from the camp to Newbury and remained there with his relatives till 1757, when, at about the age of thirty years, he married Hannah Emery. He could have known but little of his relations of northeastern Massachusetts when he joined his uncle's company in May, 1748. He certainly could not have spent much, if any, time with them before he left the camp in December of that year. In addition to the ties of home to draw him to Dighton he had nearly as many relatives in that vicinity as in Newbury. We know that his grandfather had at least nine children; and that three of his cousins, daughters of Gershom Hills, his grandfather's uncle, had married and settled in Swansea or Rehoboth. It is almost inconceivable that he would give up his early home and the companionship of relatives he had known from childhood to live among comparative strangers. But admitting the possibility, It is still more difficult to believe that under such circumstances, he would postpone establishing a home of his own for more than eight years. Taking all the circumstances of the case into consideration, it seems to be clear beyond a reasonable doubt, that the Daniel Hills who married Hannah Emery in May, 1757, was the son of Daniel and Elizabeth [Riggs] Hills.

The lady whose correspondence with your president and senior director caused the special investigation that led to this conclusion furnished a copy of the will of her ancestor Daniel, a list of his children, and the statement that he came from Salisbury, Mass., to Northfield, in New Hampshire.

The only error was in the concluding statement. Leaving Newbury Daniel Hills went to Haverhill, where he was first assessed as a resident in 1758. His name was evidently added after the valuation list had been made up for that year. Salisbury, Amesbury, Merrimac and Haverhill, in the order named, lie between

the New Hampshire line and the Merrimac River; Salisbury being at the mouth of the boundary stream. In the eighteenth century the little town of Merrimac had no existence. Amesbury, some seven miles long, was between the other two towns. The ancient records of the assessors of Haverhill are in a dilapidated condition, and the books covering some years cannot be found. But a valuation of the property of Daniel Hills for the year 1786 is of record.

From 1775 all his assessments were in the name of Captain Daniel. The city clerk of Haverhill has a record of the birth of the four sons and two daughters of Daniel and Hannah [Emery] Hills; Daniel, the eldest, born May 12th, 1758; John, the youngest, June 15th, 1770. Before the family removed from Haverhill to Northfield the names of sons Daniel and David were added to the list of the town's taxable inhabitants.

The identification of the Northfield, N H., branch of our family is complete, and the right of its members to the final "s" in their surname must be deemed to be established.

We invite the descendants of Daniel Hills and Hannah Emery to join our ranks, and at once send in a full record of their families, that they may be included in our genealogy.

Respectfully submitted,
For the Board of Directors,
THOMAS HILLS, *President.*

NECROLOGY, 1902–3.

Mary Hills Waters, daughter of Dudley E. and Frances E. [Hills] Waters, of Grand Rapids, Michigan; died May 17, 1902. Her death was not known to our Board of Directors when the report of the last year was sent to the press. We have not the record of her birth, but know that she was one of our youngest life members; the contribution to our treasury that gave her that position being made in her infancy by her grandfather, William Smith Hills, who died March 26, 1898. His active and valuable membership is

remembered and his memory cherished by all who were associated with him in the work of our association. Our little life member was of the eighth generation from the emigrant Joseph; the line being William Smith[6], Dennis[5], Smith[4], Smith[3], Samuel[2], Joseph[1].

Mary Maria Hills was born at Bangor, Maine, April 26, 1840, the daughter of Joel and Abigail [Hawes] Hills. She died at Newton, Mass., July 5, 1902. She was a sister of our senior director. Her father was the son of Samuel and Abigail [Child] Hills; born at Union, Maine, April 20, 1795; died at Boston, September 25, 1849. Her grandfather, Samuel, was the son of Jabez and Margaret [Fisher] Hills; born at Pawtucket, R. I., February 14, 1760; died at Union, Maine, August 5, 1829. Jabez was born at Wrentham, Mass. He was of the fifth generation, the son of Jabez; born at Malden, Mass.; the great grandson of the emigrant; the line being Samuel[3], Joseph[2], Joseph[1].

James Lincoln Hills, born November 8, 1823, was a resident of Plaistow, N. H. He died at West Newbury, Mass., July 18, 1902. He was the son of William and Sarah [Lowell] Hills. His father, William [twin brother of Joshua], was born at Newbury, February 15, 1780; died at Newburyport, Mass., December 21, 1851. William was the son of William of the fifth generation; the line from the emigrant being Joseph[4], Joseph[3], Samuel[2], Joseph[1].

Clara L. Hills Wason, of Nashua, N. H., was one of that class of our associates that yearly renew their membership. Just after our last annual meeting she became a life member. She died at her home August 23, 1902. She was the daughter of Sidney and Louisa [Trall] Hills; the granddaughter of Ebenezer and Lydia [Chamberlain] Hills; the great granddaughter of Ebenezer and Abigail [Nichols] Hills. Her father was born in Bernardstown, Mass.; her grandfather and great grandfather in Swansea, N. H. Our recent publication has the record of the Elder Ebenezer, who was of the fifth generation from the emigrant of 1638: the line being Samuel[4], Samuel[3], Joseph[2], Joseph[1].

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Tenth Annual Report of the Directors.

Barnard Memorial Building,
Boston, June 7, 1904.

To the Members of the Corporation:

It is a satisfaction to be able to state that the gathering of information for the genealogy of the family has practically ceased, not because nothing additional could be gathered, for such conclusion could never be attained, but because the work of preparing the copy for the printer began about the middle of February of the current year. The collections of the past ten years were in the dwelling of our senior director, where by the aid of secretaries it has been his daily employment and solace, to receive from employees and correspondents and by extracts copied from published works, additions to the information previously obtained and to so abstract and arrange it all, that by a system of indexing each paper in the mass of his collection became easy of reference.

But as during all that time he has been totally blind, the task of editing his accumulations, which required not only a knowledge of his methods, but of the branches and groups of those whose records and connections were its component parts, of necessity devolved on your president, his associate of the committee on the preparation of the genealogy of the family. For about a month

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such time as that officer could spare from the imperative demands of business was devoted to the work.

So complete was the system by which its author had kept connecting threads in his mind, that only an occasional question and answer was needed as sheet after sheet was added to the pile prepared for the press.

But his general health, not good at any time, has been much below its average during the past winter, and before the middle of March his physician ordered total quiet and a mental rest that was impossible while the work that for so many years had been his loved employment was in progress under his roof. Fortunately he slowly improved, but it was nearly the close of April before it was prudent to resume the preparation of the printer's copy. But his doctor had ordered a change of air as soon as the weather was warm enough to enable such a change to be made, and by the middle of May the entire aggregation of copies of probate, land, town and church records, "generation sheets," original letters and memoranda with their indexes, was transferred to the residence of his committee associate. For the first time since our Association was incorporated we miss him from our annual meeting, and your president is sure that he voices the wish of all when he says that it is our earnest hope that with improved health he may enjoy years of usefulness to himself, his family and friends,—and among the last surely may be included all of our organization he has personally known and many he has never met, who are grateful to him for assistance in tracing their ancestral lines.

But for the unfortunate interruption of the work we could no doubt have reported that the genealogy of William Hills the emigrant of 1632, the first of our name to leave Old for New England, was ready for publication. With greater rapidity the work of preparation can now progress. When it is completed its sheets will be placed in a fire proof vault and the line of Joseph the emigrant of 1638 will follow, to be succeeded by that of the sons of John of Ashford in Kent, the earliest of whom landed on our shores just one hundred and ten years ago. But with whatever care the copy for the press may be preserved, all the work required to produce it will have been in vain unless it can be pub-

lished. Its compilation has disclosed that those of our name in America are a small and widely scattered family; but happily no record has reached the compiler that indicated that the person to whom it related had been other than of good character and ability.

But while evidently enjoying the respect of those among whom they dwell, there are none of the present generation with great fortunes and but very few whose possessions are above the average of those who are the producers and active business men of the community. Under such conditions, a genealogy of the size that the material edited and unedited shows may be expected, cannot be sold in sufficient numbers to pay the cost of its printing and binding. It must be published at a loss. A genealogical work of the magnitude anticipated is generally sold at five dollars a copy; but in the opinion of the committee in charge of its preparation, in which all of their associate directors concur, better financial results would follow a sale at a lower price, and it is certain that the lower the cost the more generally will the book be scattered among our more or less distant cousins. When the size of the work and the cost of its publication has been ascertained, an appeal will be made for subscriptions to a guaranty fund deemed sufficient to meet the inevitable deficiency at whatever price it may be put into the possession of its purchasers. Not a subscription to pay a certain sum of money, but one to pay an uncertain sum, in no event exceeding the sum subscribed. Assume that one thousand dollars is deemed a sufficient guaranty to cover any possible loss, and that amount is subscribed in sums varying from five dollars to any larger sum that those interested in the publication may be willing to pledge; and after a reasonable time in which to get returns the loss appears to be five hundred dollars; payments to our treasurer of from two and a half dollars for the subscribers of the smaller sum and for one half the amount of each of the larger subscriptions, will pay the indebtedness; and the sum required will be more or less than one half the amount subscribed as the deficit may be more or less than one half the cost of publication.

The directors of the Association assure all interested in the genealogy that all money in our treasury in excess of our obliga-

tions, will be pledged to such a fund, and that every dollar pledged will be expended in reducing the deficit following publication before an assessment of the subscribers to it will be made. If any member of the corporation can devise a better plan for meeting an indispensable expenditure the government of the association will be glad to substitute it for that which has been outlined; and while the appeal for subscriptions will not be made until the cost of the work is known, our secretary would be pleased to receive at any time an assurance that a subscription (the amount of which may or may not be indicated) will be made when called for.

But there is a method open to all of our name or connected with by marriage or descent, by which this greatest work our organization will ever undertake can be materially assisted. A single dollar will make any person thus eligible a member of our association. That dollar would be subject to no percentage of deduction for any salary, clerical or rental expense. All the officers of the corporation give their services, paying their own expenses even when hiring assistance. Our annual meetings have from their commencement been held at the Barnard Memorial without cost to our treasury. The report of our financial officer will show that our small expenditure is for the actual and needed cost of printing, postage and the other incidental items of administration. Our members can help the publishment fund by inducing their relatives and friends who are eligible to membership to join our ranks. To the representation that by so doing they will help to pay for the publication of the genealogy in which all in any way connected with the Hills family should be interested, the solicitors may add that each new member, for every dollar sent to our secretary at Taunton, will receive by mail the largest publication of the association, a work of 148 pages; a genealogy of five generations of the descendants of the emigrants of 1632 and 1638. With a liberal addition to our membership there is little doubt that the needed guaranty fund will be subscribed; but if but little interest is shown by the family at large, an easy inference would follow:—that the work when published would not sell, and with such a conviction it may be doubted that the fund can be

raised. Without it, it is not easy to see how the genealogy can be published.

But turning now from the necessary consideration of ways and means, we invite you to enter with us the more congenial field of genealogical research.

In his compilation our senior director found a considerable number of descendants of an Agift Hills and still more numerous lines of offspring whose earliest recognized progenitor of our surname was known as Amos. The residence of their young manhood and their connections clearly indicated that both were of the Connecticut branch, and the date of their birth about the middle of the eighteenth century; but no one of their numerous descendants could give even the names of their parents. Around them began to gather the unreliable and misleading traditions which generally attach to ancestral lines where definite information is wanting. One grandson wrote "Grandfather Agift Hills with three brothers came over from England. Agift settled in Connecticut, one in Philadelphia, and two in Massachusetts." With our genealogical data of five generations which issued from the press two years since, on a page at the end of the genealogy of William Hills, under a heading "Wanted" prominently displayed, was published an abstract of the important known incidents of the lives of Amos and Agift Hills and information was asked relating to their ancestry and descendants. The call brought some additions to the list of their previously known descendants; but nothing that could indicate their parentage. But so numerous were those whose ancestral lines ended with them and so earnest was the desire of many of these great-grandchildren to trace their direct line back to the English emigrant, that a special effort was made by the committee for the genealogy of the family, to ascertain which of the great-grandsons of the emigrant William was the father of this Amos and this Agift of the fifth generation.

From published works, from abstracts of land and probate records and shreds and patches of information a result was obtained that justified the committee in placing their names and those of their descendants as the children and grandchildren of David, of the fourth generation, who was born in Farmington,

Hartford County, Conn., September 15, 1716 and died, doubtless, in what was the home of his old age, in Berlin, (a town set off from Farmington in 1785) after June 1790. Their genealogy may be recorded as follows.

AMOS[5] [David[4], Joseph[3], William[2], William[1]] b. East Hartford 1745 [American Ancestry, Vol. X, page 29, states that he was born January 1745]: d. Farmington, Hartford Co., April 9, 1813, aged 68: m. 1773, Rachel Lewis of Middletown, Middlesex Co., Conn.; b. Middletown, August 1750, d. Oct. 4, 1818. The proof that he was son of David[4] is found in the following statement.

He was sixty-eight years old when he died in 1813. His birth year may therefore be put as of 1745. The land records of Farmington show that he bought land in that town in 1770, and sold land in 1776. At both those dates the deeds recite that he was a resident of that town. At the time of his birth and for many years thereafter but one branch of the Hills family was located in Farmington, which adjoins and is west of what is now the city of Hartford. Joseph Hills[3] [William[2], William[1]]was born in East Hartford in 1683. He married Abigail Noyes and settled in Farmington where all his thirteen children were born, and where he died September 23, 1751. He had sons Joseph, Abraham, James, Gideon, Ebenezer, David, Jonathan, Moses and William. When Amos Hills bought land in Farmington in December 1770, the estate that bounded his lot on the east was that of Moses Hills. He married in East Hartford in 1773, Rachel Lewis, who was born in Middletown in 1750. His death but not his birth record, is in Farmington. From these facts the inference may be drawn that born the son of one of the sons of Joseph of Farmington, in anticipation of his marriage he buys land to live among his nearest relatives, purchasing from Obadiah Andrews the estate next that of his uncle Moses. An old bible record made by his daughter Katherine, who was born in Farmington March 3, 1788, gives his marriage as that of "Amos of East Hartford and Farmington," both that record and that of the church of the town gives the date of his death as April 9, 1813, and the church record gives his age at that date as sixty-eight years. A great-granddaughter who furnished the

compiler a copy of the bible and church records, adds to her statement "I suppose him to be a grandson of Joseph of Farmington." Of the sons of that Joseph, the eldest was Joseph, born in 1709. We know by his will that he had but one son, Higarson Hills, living at the time of his death in 1771. Of Abraham, we know that his son Gideon was born in February 1745. Of James who was born in 1712; Gideon, born in 1714 and Ebenezer the fifth son, we know that they were not living and not represented by descendants when their father's estate was settled in 1751. Jonathan was born in 1721. He was twenty-four years old when Amos Hills was born. We know he was living in Farmington at the date of his father's death, and no record of his marriage has been found. We know that Moses, born in 1723 was not married until 1748 and William born in 1727, was but eighteen years old in 1745. It is impossible that either of these sons of Joseph of the third generation, except Jonathan, could have been the father of Amos who was born in 1745, and the possibility that Jonathan was his father, is exceedingly remote. It only remains to consider if there is evidence enough to add to what has already been stated, which considered as a whole, will prove that David, who was born in 1716, the fifth son of Joseph of Farmington was the father of Amos Hills.

Concerning him no family records have been found other than those of the baptism in East Hartford in 1748 of his daughter Susannah; his residence from about 1753 in Farmington; the birth of his son George in 1760 and the death of his daughter Susannah in that town in 1763. That in his young manhood he was of Hartford may also be inferred from the fact that in April 1751, John Hossington sold to David Hills of Hartford forty acres of land, with dwelling house in Farmington, and also by a conveyance of Moses and William Hills, sons of Joseph, to David Hills of Farmington, in March 1753, of three acres of land in that town "adjoining other land of said David"; and the identity of the David who was of Hartford and later of Farmington is put beyond doubt, by the conveyance of February 26, 1761, by Joseph, his elder brother, to his "brother David Hills of Farmington" of all his right in the real estate of his brother William Hills

deceased: and also by a conveyance in April 1751 of David Hills of Hartford to "my [his] brother Moses Hills of Farmington" of twelve acres "of that lotment of land in Kensington parish, Farmington, I bought of John Hossington." Not only do these real estate transactions show that David Hills was of Hartford as late as 1751, but he so appears of record in the settlement of his father's estate in that year, and although he was undoubtedly of Farmington soon after that date, he was a land holder in Hartford until 1757, when as a resident of the place of his birth, he sold his estate of one hundred and thirty-eight acres and a mansion house in East Hartford, to Stephen Cone of Bolton. In June 1790, as a resident of Berlin, a town south of the Farmington of today but a part of it until 1785, jointly with Anna Hills his wife and Roger Hart, his step son, he conveyed land to Oliver Hamlin of Farmington.

And so it appears that David Hills born in Farmington in 1716, was of Hartford for several years before and during the year 1751; that he returned to the town of his nativity after that date: and it also appears that he was the only member of the Farmington branch of the family, with the exception of his brother Jonathan, who could have been the father of Amos Hills in 1745. That Jonathan was not his father is determined by the fact that Amos was living in 1813; that Jonathan died before December 8, 1790, at which date administration was taken upon his estate, and that no reference in the probate proceedings discloses that he was, or had been, the father of any one. All these facts taken in connection with the absence of a birth record of Amos Hills in Farmington, where all the sons of Joseph of that town were born and where the surviving brothers of David were living in 1751; and the fact that that David was the only one of the sons of Joseph who was living away from Farmington in 1745, proves, beyond a reasonable doubt, that Amos Hills was born in East Hartford in that year, the son of David who was the son of Joseph of the third generation, William^2, William^1.

Although the circumstantial evidence that Agift Hills was the son of the David who was born in Farmington in 1716, is not quite as strong as that which has been recited to prove that Amos

Hills was the son of that David, such evidence as has been obtained, in the opinion of the compiler and his committee associate, justify the following genealogical record.

AGIFT^5 [David^4, Joseph^3, William^2, William^1] b. East Hartford about 1743; d. Parma corners, Monroe Co., N. Y., aged 82; m. Farmington, Hartford Co., Conn., February 25, 1768, Eunice Lee.

The year 1743 has been adopted as the approximate date of his birth from the fact that his name appears as a witness to a deed in April 1767, that his marriage was in 1768, and that he was a grantor of Farmington lands as early as April 1770. One of his grandsons reports that he died at Parma Corners; from another correspondent it is learned that he was eighty-two years old at the time of his death, but the date of that event was not given, and correspondence with the recording officer of the district in which that place is located has failed to obtain it. Other evidence however seems to make it clear that he was next older or younger than his brother who was born in 1745. As a result of much investigation it has been determined from facts that will be stated and deductions therefrom, that he was of the fifth generation from the English emigrant, the son of David and the grandson of Joseph Hills of Farmington. His father was born in Farmington in 1716, but he was of Hartford or East Hartford for some years prior to 1751, certainly as early as June 22, 1748, when his daughter Susannah was baptized in the church at East Hartford. He was a land holder in that town until 1757. In April 1751 he bought land and a dwelling house in Farmington and soon after he was described in deeds as of that place. He doubtless thereafter resided in that town, or in some of the towns set off from old Farmington, for some forty years. Kensington parish of the old town became a part of the new town of Berlin in 1785. Until 1779, Farmington included Southington, nearly the whole of New Britain and Berlin, Bristol, Burlington, Avon, Plainville and parts of Wolcott, Harwinton and Bloomfield. [History of Hartford County, vol. 2.]

William Hills the emigrant, settled in Hartford in 1635 and from that centre his descendents located in neighboring towns.

His grandson Joseph settled in Farmington about 1708. No part of the territory then included within its lines is more than twenty miles from the centre of what has become the City of Hartford. That it is almost certain that he was the progenitor of all of the name who were born or lived in the new settlement, may be inferred from the fact that in the record made of five generations of the emigrant, not one of his descendants was found to have been born, married or died, in Farmington, who was not the child or grandchild of this Joseph of the third generation. A fair deduction from these facts would place Agift Hills with the Farmington branch of the family. He sold his Farmington estate, November 26, 1771. He was probably of Simsbury in the same county in May 1777, when on the 24th of that month with eight others he agreed to "raise and equip one good team for each" and enter the military service of the State for the term of six months. Assuming that he was of the Farmington branch of the family, the statement that proved his brother Amos to be the son of David, by showing that he could not have been the child of any other son of the Joseph of the third generation, applies with equal force to the case of Agift, with only this exception; that as no record of the birth of a child of Abraham, the second son of Joseph, has been found, between May 3, 1739 and February 18, 1745, it is possible that Agift may have been his son. But if such is the fact, the birth was not recorded with those of his brothers and sisters in the town where his father was born, married, and which was the birth place of his six children. The exact dates of their births, and of the marriage of Abraham their father to Elizabeth Hodgkins their mother are known and have been copied from the Farmington records. The possibility that Agift Hills was the son of Abraham and Elizabeth Hills is exceedingly remote, and he has been placed by the compiler in the list of descendants of the emigrant through David of the fourth generation [Joseph[3], William[2], William[1]].

Among our most valued correspondents have been some of the descendants of Amos and Agift Hills. We have drawn a corresponding secretary from their ranks. Now that we have made clear their direct line of descent from the English emigrant of

1632, we trust that all who are not members of our organization will hasten to join it and encourage us to continue to work for others of our name.

Respectfully submitted,
For the Board of Directors,
THOMAS HILLS, *President.*

NECROLOGY, 1903-4.

Robert Lee Hills, a life member, died at Santa Barbara, California, July 26, 1903. He was born in Rome, Floyd County, Georgia, Nov. 9, 1869, the son of William Smith and Mary Cooper (Cleghorn) Hills. By the death of his father in March 1898, our association lost one of its earliest and most active members. The great work which with the assistance of his wife he did for us in 1895 is gratefully remembered, and will soon we trust be preserved for coming generations in a printed genealogy. Robert Lee was an only son. In pursuit of an education that would fit him for a special study, he was successively of the Universities or Colleges of Virginia, Columbia, Yale and Harvard. He studied also in England and Germany. Knowing something of many foreign languages he was especially skilled in French, German and Spanish. His home for the past few years has been at Grand Rapids, Michigan, the residence of his only sister, Mrs. Dudley E. Waters. His mother was able to reach Santa Barbara before his death and accompanied his remains to Michigan. His line to the English emigrant who settled in Massachusetts was through William Smith, Dennis, Smith, Smith, Samuel, Joseph.

Jannat Ernestine Hills, died in the New York State Hospital at Willard, Senaca County, July 11, 1903. She was born in Auburn, Cayuga County, August 26, 1861, the

daughter of William and Jannat [Swain] Hills. Studying for the medical profession, she graduated at the head of her class in 1893, receiving the gold medal in surgical clinics of the Woman's College of Physicians and Surgeons at Philadelphia. After serving in two New York City hospitals, she received under the Civil Service, appointment to the position of woman physician at the hospital in Willard, where a service of nearly nine years ended with her life. She was of the eighth generation of the Connecticut branch of our family, her line being William, Eleazer, Elisha, David, David, Jonathan, William.

EMORY CORNELIUS SHALER, died at Hartford, Connecticut, February 16, 1903. He was born September 1, 1873, the son of Rollo L. Shaler who at Glastonbury in that state, March 31, 1870, married Haney Mary Hills, daughter of Wells Jacob and Caroline [Chapman] Hills. Her father was of the eighth generation from the emigrant William Hills, the line being Jacob, Elijah, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, William, William.

EDWIN LAFAYETTE HOLBROOK, died at Millis, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, February 20, 1904. He was born in that town October 19, 1824, the son of Col. George H. and Louisa [Harding] Holbrook. As a musician from a very early age his great ability was acknowledged. In his mature years as an organist, and as a teacher and a builder of organs, he was successful. An obituary notice says of him "He had the reputation of being the only builder in America who could plan, draft, voice, tune and decorate an organ with his own hands, build and put it together, and play upon it when completed." He married November 12, 1845, Abigail Davis Hills, the sister of Edwin M., of Taunton, who from its organization has been the Secretary of our Association. The Hills line being through Seneca, Jason, Joseph, Jabez, Samuel, Joseph, Joseph.

SUSAN WHITNEY HILLS, a life member died at Leominster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, March 5, 1904. She was born in Westminster, in that County, August 20, 1810,

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the daughter of Stephen and Sally Whitney. Her mother was the daughter of Dr. William Dexter of Marlboro, a surgeon in the Revolutionary War. April 29, 1829, she married Emerson Hills of the fifth generation from the emigrant, the line being Silas, Smith, Samuel, Joseph. He died February 3, 1879. An old account book of the emigrant Joseph was presented to our Association in 1895 by Mrs. Hills and her immediate relatives. A nearly erased word gave the clew that guided our genealogist to Great Burstead in Essex. But for the preservation of the book by this family it is doubtful if the birth place of the emigrant would ever have been known to his American descendants.

Jennie Brewster Hills, the widow of our life member George D. Hills who died April 15, 1898, died at Lowell, Massachusetts, May 1, 1904, at the home of William Francis Hills, her only surviving child. She was born in West Topsham, Orange County, Vermont, December 10, 1831, the daughter of Aaron and Polly [Gregg] Bullard. At Boston July 14, 1853, she married George Dennis Hills, a cousin of William Smith, the father of Robert Lee Hills the first mentioned in the necrology of the closing year; his father Henry S. Hills, born in Leominster August 13, 1805, being brother to Dennis Hills who emigrated from Massachusetts to Georgia.

Granville Hills, Hudson, New York, died in a hospital at Troy, N. Y., May 29, 1903. He first became a member of our society July 31, 1897, and was interested in the general work of the Association.

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Hills Family

Genealogical & Historical Association.

INCORPORATED JULY 6, 1894.

Eleventh Annual Report of the Directors.

Barnard Memorial Building.
Boston, June 6, 1905.

To the Members of the Corporation:

When our charter was granted in 1894 but three branches of the Hills family in America were known; the descendants of William the emigrant of 1632; Joseph the emigrant of 1638 and the sons of John of Ashford in Kent, England; the first of whom came to New England just one hundred years before some of the descendants of these emigrants organized our Corporation. In the years that have passed no other branch has been discovered. Then the belief in a common ancestor, of whom all born to the name of Hills were descendants, was the faith of a few who had given some study to the origin of that name; now as the result of a decade of investigation, many have no doubt as to the common progenitor and are firm in the belief that we are all to each other more or less distant cousins.

Of the youngest branch it was known that John of Ashford was the son of Joseph and grandson of Robert of the adjoining parish of Wye and it has since been ascertained that this earliest known ancestor died in 1718. His will was found on file at Canterbury; it disclosed the names of his children who survived him, but his birth date and parentage have not yet been discovered.

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Of Joseph of Malden and Newbury in Massachusetts, we knew that he came from Maldon in Essex, England, and that some of his children were born there. In 1895 an inspection of one of his account books which had been fortunately preserved, gave a clew that led to the discovery that his elder children were born in the parish of Great Bursted, Billericay, in Essex, and in October of 1896 an agent of our Association visited that parish and found that it was not only the birthplace of the emigrant but the place of his marriage and that of his parents.

But of William of Roxbury in Massachusetts, and Hartford in Connecticut, ten years of effort by an expert genealogist produced only circumstantial evidence tending to show a relationship between the two early emigrants, and evidence of a similar character, taken from what was known of the passage over the Atlantic and of the life in America of the immigrant;—which had a bearing on his life in old England. As early as the fourth report of our Association, (that of June 1898) your directors had published the fact that Phillis Lyman who became the wife of William Hills, as a member of her father's family came to New England in 1631 from High Ongar in Essex County in England, and that John Eliot "the apostle to the Indians" who was born at Nasing in Essex, was a fellow passenger on the Lion, with the Lyman family.

It is familiar history to Bostonians that members of his church came in a body and settled at Roxbury, now a part of Boston, but in those early days some three miles distant from it. The statement concerning William Hills (who came in the same ship in her voyage of 1632) in that fourth report reads, "there can be, however, but little doubt that when" he "landed in New England, he settled in Roxbury rather than in the larger Boston, three miles distant, that he might be with old friends and neighbors who were of Eliot's Church." In the eighth report of the Association (that of June 1902) what is known of his life in Massachusetts is stated—that on the Lion he entered Boston harbor September 16, 1632, that he was admitted a freeman of Roxbury on the 14th of May 1634, and that Eliot made a record of "such as adjoined themselves unto the fellowship of this Church of Christ at Rox-

borough." Of the emigrant on the Lion he wrote, "William Hills a manservant, he came over in the year 1632, he married Phillice Lyman, daughter of Richard Liman, he removed to Hartford on Connecticott, where he lived several years, without giving such good satisfaction to the consciences of the saints." That report continues, "the fact that Ann Mumford was a passenger on the Lion on the voyage that terminated in September 1632, and that she was the intended wife of the apostle Eliot, strongly indicates that William Hills was indentured to that clergyman. * * * The indication becomes almost conclusive evidence when the church record shows 'Thomas Hills, a manservant, he came in the yeare 1633,—he lived among us in good esteeme & godly, & dyed about the 11th or 12th month 1634, and left a good savor behind him, he was a very faithful & prudent servant & a good christian, he dyed in Mr. Eliot's family.' The records seem to tell this plain story. William and Thomas were brothers. They came from Essex in England, the home of Eliot, doubtless that of his wife and of the friends 'to whom he was fore ingaged.' The harsh criticism of William by his master and pastor followed some disagreement as to service or religious belief. Thomas died in 1634. William doubtless left Roxbury for Hartford with his father-in-law Richard Lyman, October 15, 1635. * * * It was not an age of tolerance, and it is not surprising, while he praised the faithful servant who died in his family, that he could not think of the other as a good christian."

This somewhat lengthy review of what has been accomplished during ten years as to two of the three branches of the family and the reference to what remained to be discovered at the date of our last meeting as to the earliest comer among them, may be justified by the fact that the present is the last report that will go to our members before the genealogy of our name will take its place among the family histories of America, and the much more important fact that now, the parentage and birthplace of each of the English emigrants that stand at the head of the three branches of the family are known. And the somewhat lengthy extracts from former reports, may perhaps be excused as evidences of a pardon-

able pride, that the theories of a common ancestry they exhibit have been strengthened by the proof that the hitherto unknown English home of the earliest of these emigrants to our shores was within ten miles of the spot where our name originated, and also that the deductions from slight evidence as to the probable acquaintance in England of William Hills and Phillis Lyman have received added support and the inference that Thomas and William Hills, fellow members of John Eliot's Church, were brothers, has been found to be a fact.

It will be remembered that since the Autumn of 1896, Mr. Lothrop Withington, an expert genealogist, has acted as our agent in England. For the past seven years the condition of our treasury would not permit a special employment. But as he went from one centre of information to another, it was with the understanding that he would look for entries in our name, and finding an item of importance, that the branch benefited should collect for him from its members a fitting recompense. Acting under this arrangement he found in February of the current year the parentage, birth place and date of baptism of William Hills the head of the Connecticut branch. This by itself would be the most important intelligence your directors have been able to give you since similar information as to Joseph Hills the head of the Massachusetts branch was communicated nearly ten years since. But the expert has found more than this. He has the record of the marriage of the parents of William and the baptismal record of his seven brothers and sisters. When this valuable information was received all that was then known as to William Hills was in type; but all that is now known to your directors will be given in an appendix to the forthcoming genealogy; to that work we refer you for the full recital. But the statement here made would be incomplete if we did not add, that William, son of Thomas and Jane (Scarborrow) Hills, was baptized in the parish of Upminster in the County of Essex, December 27, 1608, and that that parish is but four miles distant from that of High Ongar, where Phillis Lyman was born, and from which her father emigrated in 1631. The Thomas Hills who died in Mr. Eliot's family at Roxbury was

the eldest son of his parents; he was baptized June 1, 1606. The birthplace of these brothers is but eight miles from Great Bursted in Billericay, where Joseph Hills the emigrant of 1638 was baptised March 3, 1602. Among the baptisms of Upminster, the genealogist found the following: "1578, November 20, George Hills." George the father of the emigrant Joseph was married in October 1596. He may have been of Upminster and a few years old when baptized. While it is possible that the George of this baptismal record may be he who was married eighteen years later at Great Burstead, it can hardly be considered probable—the probability runs with Mr. Withington's belief, "that he is a connection."

Another notable event of the year has been what may be called the successful effort of the committee of publication of our genealogy, to ascertain for that work what coat armor has been carried by those of our name. Heraldic devices were practically unknown at the time of the earlier crusades, they may be said to have been in use during the last of those expeditions, which began in 1271. Crests as a part of coat armor were added about a century later. Its attractive features brought it into such general use, that in the last quarter of the fifteenth century so large a number of persons were carrying arms to which they could show no other right than that of adoption, that the regulation of their use was decreed by King Richard III. The College of Arms, commonly called the Herald's College, was established by his authority in 1483 and given the power to grant coat armor and to pass upon the question of the right of those who carried it, when that right was challenged. There are many families in England carrying coat armor of which this college has no record, for the reason that it was in legitimate use before that institution existed, and has been unchallenged as it has been transmitted by descent.

Determined to know what was of record in the College of Arms, the Association's committee caused "a general search" to be made of its archives. It was carried on under the agency of Mr. Gordon P. G. Hills of London, by one of its officials, who, when it began held the rank of pursuivant (Rouge Croix) but who when it ended

a few weeks since, was one of its six heralds (York). The search was authorized in mid summer of 1904. In August an index of its results, showing 395 entries in the names of Hill or Hills was received. The final report of the committee's agent was dated May 1, 1905. Of the eleven coats carried at any time by those born Hills, that are of record in the college or recognized by standard works, concerning which the committee's correspondent reported, but four were granted by the Herald's College, two were recognized by its officers as properly borne, one was disclosed as one of six quarterings of the shield of Lucas and of four that institution of registry had no record.

For a full statement of what the search in the College of Arms disclosed and of the information otherwise gained concerning the coat armor of the family, we must refer you to the forthcoming genealogy. Some three months before the report of the committee's agent was received, the earlier pages of that work went to the printer with the statement in the text that the result of the investigation in the Herald's College would "be incorporated in the first appendix" of the publication.

As editor of the genealogy, your president in its introduction had given what information concerning the coat armor of the name he had been able to glean from published works. In connection with an engraved representation of arms, that introduction has this statement. "But one Hills shield, with crest, is disclosed by the various compilations, in relation to heraldry and armorial bearings, which may have been the coat armor of a common progenitor of all of the name. Its blazoning is 'Hills; argent, a cross between four crescents, azure, a chief of the last. *Crest*, a horse courant, gules. In the mouth a broken spear head, sable.' This crest is given in connection with the name of Hills without local designation in 'Fairbain's Book of Crests of the Families of Great Britain and Ireland,' a work edited by Mr. Arthur C. Fox-Davies. Changing the language of heraldry for that in ordinary use, the description would be, a blue cross on a silver shield, between four blue crescents, the upper third of the escutcheon being of the same color as the cross and

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crescents. *Crest,* a red horse, running, with a black, broken spear head in his mouth. Such study as the editor has been able to give to the family name as connected by published works with heraldry, long since satisfied him that the shield of the cross and crescents not only antedated all other coat armor borne by any of his surname, but was probably of such ancient date as to have been carried by the family that occupied the Manor of St. Margaret Hills, at least until about the end of the fifteenth century, when the estate passed to those of another name."

Mr. Hills, the committee's London correspondent, whose family have carried the crest of this coat armor for several generations and from a time too remote to be in the knowledge of any of his kindred, or known in family traditions, writing to your president, reports, "It has been disappointing to find no reference to the crest—'a horse courant gules, in the mouth a broken spear head, sable,'—used by my family, nor to the coat of arms which Burke associates with it, viz: 'Argent, a cross between four crescents, azure, a chief of the last.' I have already forwarded to you Dr. Marshall's (York Herald) letter informing me of his fruitless search for any record of these and referring to the modern parody of them granted in 1883 to Sir James Hills-Johnes.

One would indeed like to know where Burke got his information. Of course your hypothesis, that these are arms in use before the foundation of the Herald's College (1483) might explain their existence, and in talking about such possibilities Dr. Marshall told me that occasionally old grants are discovered which have been long lost. He pointed out to me too, that in ancient times the Herald's College kept no register of the grants made, the documents carrying the right to arms were given to the grantees and it was for them, and not the heralds to produce such evidence when challenged as to their right to bear arms." The reasoning which in the opinion of the committee of your directors justifies the use of this coat armor will be found in the family genealogy. But the reference to it in this report will close with an extract from a letter from the London correspondent to its editor, dated May 23, 1905. "As I wrote, I have not found any record of the crest

used by my family, or the arms coupled with it by Burke, at the Herald's College, but I know that this crest was used by my grandfather John Hills R. N., and was on silver in his possession which apparently carries back the use of it to an earlier generation. There is at any rate one point satisfactory, that it does not appear that these arms or crest are claimed by any other family nor in use by any other family."

The last annual report informed you that some sheets of the printer's copy of the Hills genealogy were ready for the press. The magnitude of the work was not then realized by your president, its editor. As it was to be published by the Grafton Press, of 70 Fifth Avenue, New York, and its parts were largely interdependent, it was not deemed prudent to forward any of the manuscript until about the tenth of February of the current year. Since that date it has been going through its press as rapidly as was consistant with the other obligations of that house. While we would all like to see the finished work as early as may be, the committee have made no attempt to hurry the publication, deeming accuracy and good workmanship more important than speed. Some idea of the time when the book will be ready for deliverv may perhaps be gained by the statement that there are between 5000 and 5100 names of those born Hills in the work, and that printer's proof now lies on the editor's table upon which the highest number is 1293. But in justice to the publishers it should be stated that the editor did not press for proof, and until about the last of April its appearance was hardly welcome to him, as up to that time he was still engaged upon the manuscript for the latter part of the work, and he was much more anxious to get the finished copy into the printer's hands than he was to revise what was already safely beyond the risk of fire or his inability to complete what he had begun. Doubtless but few will be found to question the wisdom of his course, when it is stated that early in May he met with an accident which might easily have been fatal, which sent him to his bed for about three weeks and from the effects of which he has not yet fully recovered. With returning health his intimation that he was ready for work, was met by the assurance

that he would be kept busy with proof reading till the last sheets were disposed of.

Your directors in the report of a year since recognizing that our small family could not be expected to subscribe for a sufficient number of copies of the genealogy to pay for the cost of publication, called for a subscription to a guaranty fund to meet the anticipated deficiency. It was hoped that such an amount would be subscribed that only a part of each subscription would be needed. The result has been disappointing. Thirty subscriptions were received, one of one hundred, one of fifty dollars, and twenty-eight aggregating one hundred and eighty-five dollars. But still more disappointing was the fact that of the genealogy but one hundred and ten copies were engaged. The work could not have been published, if our senior director, (your president's associate of the committee for its publication,) who in addition to ten year's work in its compilation and the expenditure of much money for clerical labor and other incidental expenses, had not guaranteed the publishers that he would meet the inevitable deficiency.

Perhaps the most disappointing feature of the financial aspect of the enterprise is the fact that among the subscribers for the work but few of the names of our members appear. Three years since our association published genealogical data relating to five generations of the two earlier emigrants. That work was given to our members. The directors do not regret that it was published although its possession has doubtless led many members to withhold subscription to the complete work. It served a very useful purpose. Through its publication much additional information was acquired and what is still more important, many of its errors were corrected. It is possible that some of our members deem it probable that the forthcoming work will be published by the Association, or that they will in some way be given an advantage over subscribers who are not members of our organization. If such ideas are entertained they must be dismissed. The Association has no funds to assist the publication. It still owes two hundred dollars of the cost of the preliminary work. No part of

the expense of publishing the genealogy can or will come from its treasury. An edition of only three hundred copies will be printed. With each copy of this report received through the mail, a blank for a subscription will be sent. Those who have not already subscribed are invited to do so. Subscriptions may be sent to Thomas Hills, number 323 (old No. 157) K street, South Boston, Mass. New subscriptions will be received to Oct. 1, 1905.

Copies of the edition unsold will remain in the hands of the publishers to be disposed of at such price as they may deem expedient, not less however in any case than the subscription price of six dollars. The directors hope for a response that will materially diminish the amount that their associate must pay to enable the genealogy to be published.

Respectfully submitted,
For the Board of Directors,
THOMAS HILLS, President.

NECROLOGY, 1904-5.

JARED HILLS, died, Mt. Pleasant, Henry Co., Iowa, July 2, 1904 He was born at Lovell, Oxford Co., Maine, January 27, 1841, the son of Rev. Israel and Lucinda (Morton) Hills. He was a farmer and stock raiser. He never married. He was tenderly cared for in his last sickness by his brother, Dr. T. Morton Hills, who brought his body to Connecticut and laid it at rest with those of his kindred at Willimantic.

EDWIN ALBERT HILLS, died at Washington, D. C., January 24, 1905. He was born at Lowell, Mass., December 4, 1832. He was of the sixth generation from the emigrant Joseph, the line being Paul, Nathaniel, Smith, Samuel, Joseph. At his death and for many years preceding he held a clerical position in the U. S. Senate. He married Arabella Tracy, daughter of Dr. Joseph H. Smith, of Dover, New Hampshire, and in that city he was buried. His only descendant is Elizabeth Carroll Hills, the corresponding Secretary of our Association for the District of Columbia.

EDWARD RUSSELL DAVIS, died at Worcester, Mass., April 1, 1905. He was born in Oxford, Mass., January 30, 1857, the son of Russell and Mary and the nephew of the late Brig. General Nelson H. Davis, U. S. A. He married June 6, 1881, Abbie Lovell, daughter of Edwin L. and Abigail D. (Hills) Holbrook, of Millis, Mass. Mrs Holbrook's line to the emigrant being Seneca, Jason, Joseph, Jabez, Samuel, Joseph, Joseph born in England in 1602. Mrs. Davis has been for many years one of our most valued corresponding secretaries. With her husband she attended the meeting in 1894 at which our Association was organized.

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Hills Family

Genealogical and Historical Association

INCORPORATED JULY 6, 1894.

Twelfth Annual Report of the Directors.

Barnard Memorial Building.
Boston, June 5, 1906.

To the Members of the Corporation:

It is now twelve years since our association was chartered. While among the objects of its founders were those that have proved sufficient to perpetuate a union in many family organizations, the primary motive was that of inducing as many as it could influence to assist in gathering material for a genealogy of our name. Your committee for its publication has been its compiler and editor, and in behalf of his associate and himself your president desires to thank our corresponding secretaries and such other members as have assisted them in their work. Our book just issued from the Grafton Press of New York, has put our family history in such an attractive form, that all interested in its contents can be congratulated that the information it contains can be transmitted to their descendants in so well finished a specimen of the printer's art. Now that your president as its editor has completed a task in the accomplishment of which months of labor only opened new avenues for more work, he can not help thinking that he is the only person who can adequately appreciate the labors of his associate. Without the work and contributions of our senior director there would have been no Hills genealogy in our day, if ever. The editor before preparing for the press the materials gathered, had the advantage of

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becoming familiar with many modern genealogies, and adopted for his systematical arrangement, such features as he deemed valuable and added some details that he can not recall having seen in standard genealogical works. In describing the make-up of the genealogy, the additions he deemed important will not be specially referred to, for this report although a family matter will appear in print, and your directors have no desire to challenge critical comment.

It is not uncommon that genealogical works of merit are printed on paper so adulterated in its fiber that disintegration may be said to commence with its production, and the life for a book of this class, with the most careful handling is but for a generation; while the wear of a public library in a few years reduces it to a ruin. The librarian of the New England Historic and Genealogical Society in his annual reports has repeatedly warned intending publishers of the danger of using inferior paper, and confident that the management of that organization would use only that which was most durable, the contract for our book required that it be printed on the paper that was used by the Society for its Genealogical Register.

No comprehensive genealogy can be constructed for ready reference without giving to all born to the family name designating numbers. The most exhaustive search can not include all entitled to registration. Of those included in the consecutive numbering, only the name, or the name and birth record, of many are known to the compiler. The method usually adopted by genealogists is to give the number that designates one of the family when he appears among his brothers and sisters as a member of his father's household; and when in due order that number calls for the life record of that member, to repeat that number (usually in larger type) in connection with the vital statistics relating to him, and if he also is the head of a family give the birth, marriage and death records of his children, placing against their names their designating numbers. But if all that is known of him has been given as a part of his father's record his designating number is dropped, and only those of his brothers who send down the name to

another generation and those of his sisters who become mothers, are retained and entered in connection with such record of their wives, husbands and children as the scope of the work permits. This method economizes space, but sometimes requires original records to be condensed to the point of obscurity; it results in breaks in the sequence of numbering that puzzles those unaccustomed to genealogical research, and makes an index by pages almost a necessity. In our genealogy the number given a Hills born infant always reappears in its appointed place, and an inspection of the work will show that in connection with its second appearance, with comparatively few exceptions, additional information to that imparted when first used with the birth record is given, with ample space for its statement. The method adopted involved a loss of space which was doubtless more than regained by omitting portraits and autobiographical sketches written in the third person, and the insertion of but few illustrations. Such omission was clearly necessary if the work was to be confined to one volume. It was the intention of both compiler and editor to apply to themselves the rule they applied to others; but they yielded to the argument of the publishers, that any one sufficiently interested in the work to own it, would be interested in the manner of men who were its authors; and to their solicitation to be allowed to assume the expense of the reproduction of the photographs as their gift to the publication. But economizing as much as possible within the limits of its plan, our genealogy has nearly 750 pages within its covers notwithstanding it was determined that biographical sketches for which its authors were responsible should be of the briefest, excepting from the rule only those of the English emigrants of our name. That exception was made because of the interest of practically all connected with our family in the lives of our pioneers. If in writing of his own branch, it is thought that your president has consumed unusual space, he will plead that his father and four uncles come within the rule, and that their descendants would have made but a very small showing had the motive rather than the letter of the regulation been observed.

Nearly forty pages have been given to the six appendixes of the book. The contents of the first two would have been a part of the text of the work if the search in the Herald's college had been concluded, and the discovery of the parentage and birth place of William of Roxbury and Hartford, the earliest emigrant of our name, had been made before the earlier pages of the genealogy were in type.

The last of the series shows the organization of our association and a list of its officers from its incorporation to the present time. Our constitution and by-laws that have well served their purpose for the twelve years of our association's life, and the names of its officers who in harmony have made its organization effective, deserve a place in our family history.

It is practically impossible for the compiler of a genealogy to state in connection with each group the proof that to his mind was conclusive as to the right of some of its members to a place in the family line. He puts the name and record where it belongs and the burden is upon those who question his findings to prove that he is in error. This universally accepted rule has been followed in our compilation. Yet seventeen pages of its appendixes are given to the evidence in three important cases, the decision of which affected so many persons that an exception to the rule was deemed advisable.

After the three branches of our name in America that can be traced to an english ancestry running back to the 16th and 17th centuries, and which in our book's table of contents are numbered I, II and III, appear three other divisions of genealogical records. Number IV shows sixteen partial lines, groups that cannot be traced to an English ancestor; number V nine families of recent immigrants; number VI the records of descendants of eight members of the Connecticut branch, which the editor was able to secure after his work had so far progressed that their names could not be made a part of the main work.

In all these divisions, with the name of each Hills born person is given that of each paternal ancestor back to the earliest known progenitor. Of equal importance is the ancestry of the mothers,

and those have been traced where published works in Boston libraries have given their pedigrees.

The descendants of our early immigrants are widely scattered. The returns from them came to our senior director from all parts of the union and Canada. Your president claims to be fairly familiar with the geography of his native land; but as editor of the genealogy he arranged report after report which gave as the locations of the places of birth, marriage or death of descendants of the emigrants, the names of farming communities or small manufacturing towns, coupled with some one of our states, he often found himself unable to mentally localize the place more definitely than the sovereignty that forms a part of our great nation; and when he recalled that many of our states are as large as some of the smaller nations of Europe, and that six of them are of greater area than the island of Great Britain, he came to the conclusion that a closer localization was desirable, and for all but large and well known municipalities he added to the name of the state, not only that of the town referred to, but that of the county in which it is situated.

Genealogical research in England is always difficult; that which undertakes to determine the particular family of a given name that is entitled to bear arms, is, for many reasons so difficult as to be seldom successful. Yet so natural is the wish for a distinctive family badge and so great the desire to trace to an ancestry of the better class, that few American genealogies are published which do not prominently display coat-armor, to which their compilers suggest a title for their emigrant ancestors. When the early sheets of our genealogy were put in type its editor had no knowledge that would have carried him beyond such suggestion; but a happy combination of circumstances, explained in the first appendix of our book, has enabled him to give its possessers what is probably all the knowledge (other than that which rests on tradition) obtainable as to the coat-armor of our name, and leaves each one at liberty to decide for him or herself as to the right under the English laws of heraldry to use the coat-armor shown on one of its pages.

A genealogy of any considerable size is as unmanagable without a full index as a ship without a rudder, and with a description of that connected with our book we will leave that work to the criticism of those who shall use it. Its editor has seen not a few genealogical indexes so obscure that much time that was valuable to him was consumed in acquiring sufficent knowledge of the system of their compilers to make them available; and while he determined that his index should be as simple and easily understood as its nature would admit, he preceded it with an introduction explaining its construction. It is divided into three sections. Its first is that of the Hills born. The 5000 sons and daughters there listed, can only be classified by their given names; and of such names there are only a limited number in common use. Without a middle initial, of the plain Johns, there are 72; of the Marys 68. Under these names their designating numbers are arranged consecutively. The introduction informs the searcher that if he wishes to find a John of the Connecticut branch, its numbers are from 1 to 2000. If the hunt is for a John who is a descendant of Joseph of Massachusetts, if he can be found, his number will be between 2000 and 4000. If the effort is to find a Mary of the comparatively recent Kentish emigration, the records of but eight of that name need inspection, for all the descendants of Robert of Wye are numbered between 4000 and 4200. If the chance must not be overlooked that the desired John or Mary is of one of the groups of partial lines with which the genealogy ends, it can be determined, if the work contains the desired record, by following the index numbers between 4200 and 5005.

The second division of the index gives with the proper reference numbers the full names of those who have married Hills born sons and daughters; and as these names have no numbers of their own, but carry those of their married partners, it follows that if the searcher of the suppositious John or Mary, knows the maiden name of John's wife, or the name that Mary took when she gave up ours, the single reference number against those names will point to the desired record. The third division is that of persons collaterally connected with those of our name. Probably

no one animated with a desire to do equal justice to all, has compiled a genealogy and not regretted the necessity of dropping the record of a Hills born daughter with the list and a closely condensed record of her children. This division admits of a reference to the surnames to which the grandchildren of a Hills born daughter are born; and if the pedigree of any of her sons or daughters-in-law is known, the surnames of grandparents of her grandchildren can be found in our record as far back as they can be traced. It is expected that by these surnames, investigators of our own and future generations will be able to follow genealogical lines to Hills born daughters, and by their progenitors to as a remote an ancestry as is shown in our publication.

From its incorporation our association has published annual reports. The current number is the twelfth of the series. In them from year to year has been noted the discoveries made; and the progress of the work for the genealogy of our name. The information they contained was free to all who could use it. We did not ask or expect credit for it when it was quoted, but we certainly did not expect that what we had freely given would be claimed as the work of others. That some of it has been considered sufficiently valuable to be—we will say appropriated, the following statement will show. All its dates are of the year 1903 unless otherwise stated. February 26th our secretary received a letter containing the inquiry "Have you knowledge of a daughter of Joseph Hills (b. 1602) marrying John Blanchard of Dunstable and Chemsford?" The correspondent added that "John Blanchard had a son-in-law Robert Parish, and Parish in his will dated Aug. 1, 1709, disposes among other things of 'fifty acres of land my father John Blanchard gave my wife in his will; also, that fifty acres which her grandfather Hill gave to her; * * * I have not seen the will of Joseph Hills * * * but if he was not the 'grandfather Hill' who gave fifty acres * * * to Elizabeth (Blanchard) Parish, I am going in search of 'grandfather Hill' elsewhere."

That letter was sent to our senior director, the compiler of our genealogy, who on the 2d of March answered asking for a copy

of the will of son-in-law Parish. The correspondent replying under date of March 4th in an eight page letter, regretted that he had only an abstract of the instrument, and gave his theories of the make-up of the Blanchard family. On one page he says "The history of Amherst, N. H., to which place many of the Blanchards went, later, says John m. Elizabeth ——. I cannot contradict this (although I doubt it) for I know his wife was Hannah as early as 1665, and that she outlived him." The correspondent then gives the date of John Blanchard's will which was "proved Apr. 10, 1694," and a list of the members of the family mentioned by the testator. It is headed by "his wife Hannah," followed by the names of five sons and four daughters, two of whom were evidently married, as in the will they were named by their father as "Elizabeth Parrish" and "Hannah Reed." On the seventh page of this long letter, in summing up his views, the correspondent's first conclusion is, "John Blanchard m. a Hills (or a Hill) and her name was doubtless Hannah." This letter was answered March 6th by our senior director, who stated that your president had "volunteered to search the probate and other records of Suffolk, Middlesex and Essex Counties for further data," adding "It will give me pleasure to send you the information that he succeeds in obtaining." This letter was acknowledged by his correspondent in a communication dated March 9th that held these words: "Your theory in regard to the Hills-Blanchard-Parrish case exactly accords with my own." The reply of the compiler of our genealogy was dated March 14th. In reference to the subject and the letter of the 9th of the month, he said: "The day after it came to hand I received a statement from Mr. Thomas Hills, of the results of his investigation into the Hills-Blanchard matter; and not wishing to spoil a good story, it had best be told in his own language; and I send you a copy of it in full." That statement formed the basis of that part of our ninth report (June 2d, 1903) that appears on its pages 4 to 7 inclusive.

In the genealogical department of the Boston Transcript of the 25th of April of the current year, a communication appeared

relating to John Blanchard. It was signed W. H. M. A. A part of it reads,

"John Blanchard lived for a time in Charlestown; removed to Chelmsford before 1665, and to Dunstable about 1680; died about 1694. He married, first, date unknown, Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph and Rose (Clark) Hills, and, second, date unknown, Hannah, probably widow of Samuel Kingsley and daughter of Captain Richard Brackett. Children by wife Elizabeth: Elizabeth, born ——, married Robert Parish, perhaps a third wife; Hannah, born ——, married —— Read. Children by wife Hannah (all born in Chelmsford): Josiah and Benjamin, twins, born March 15, 1664–5; James, born March 10, 1666; Joseph, born Nov. 1, 1672; Nathaniel, born Sept. 23, 1674; Martha, born ——, died Nov. 16, 1676.

Concerning the first marriage, it was long supposed that Elizabeth Hills married not John Blanchard, but George Blanchard, but, some years ago, I chanced upon proof in Middlesex deeds that the marriage was to John, and, passing the information on to others equally interested, it has since been widely spread."

A request to the editor for the address of his correspondent, brought to your president the name that was signed to the letters of inquiry of the Spring 1903.

The statement based upon the investigation prompted by those letters and printed as a part of our Association's ninth report, proved that Wyman in his genealogy of Charlestown families was in error in stating that a George Blanchard married a Hills daughter; that it was John Blanchard who married Elizabeth the second daughter of Joseph and Rose (Clark) Hills and that she was the mother of the two grandchildren mentioned by Joseph the emigrant in his will as Hannah and Elizabeth Blanchard.

All this so far as your president is concerned was his original work. That he was the first of his generation to make the discovery must remain an open question. In the library of the New England Historic and Genealogical Society is a valuable manuscript of genealogical data, the compilation of Mr. George D. B. Blanchard of Malden, who died Dec. 17th, 1903. He kept his ink-written memoranda in small copy books. In that marked 9, page 46,

your president saw a few weeks since a few lines quoted from the Register of that Society, "Vol. 8, p. 309, Will of Joseph Hills of Malden, 14 Sept. 1687, 'unto my grandchildren Hannah and Elizabeth Blanchard' mention also made of 'daughter Hannah'." A note in pencil has been added to this entry. It is much abbreviated as the space between the memo. quoted and that which follows it gave but little room for any additions. It reads. "The two gr. children were daughters of his dau. Elizabeth who m. John Bl. of Dunst^{e}." Mr. Blanchard was a member of the Society and often visited its library, where the whole series of our annual reports are on file. That of 1903 was open to the inspection of visitors five and one-half months before his death. Our correspondent of 1903, and of the Transcript of April 1906 is doubtless busy with genealogical work. It is possible that trusting to recollection he has been led into an error that he will regret. If such is the fact the concluding paragraph of the quotation from the Boston paper will not again appear in print.

It is a pleasure to leave this subject and give due credit to a gentleman who has added to our knowledge of Hannah the second wife of Joseph the emigrant of 1638, and of Hannah the wife of his eldest son. All who are descendants of the junior Joseph or of his half brother Samuel have reason to thankfully remember Mr. J. Gardner Bartlett as the author of a paper published in the Genealogical Magazine of July 1905. In our fifth annual report (June 1899) we printed what seemed to be conclusive evidence that the maiden surname of the widow of Edward Mellows who became the second wife of the senior Joseph was Hannah Smith, and noted the remarkable coincidence that the maiden name of the wife of the junior Joseph was also Hannah Smith. The evidence that misled the writer of that report was found in two wills of a Nathaniel Smith, in one of which, executed in New England in 1648, he speaks of his "sister Mellows," and in appointing her husband executor, designates him as "my brother Edward Mellows." The second will, probated in England, was dated February 19, 1650; in it he again speaks of his "sister Hannah Mellows." But Mr. Bartlett shows that the testator in both wills

spoke of this Hannah as his sister because she was the widow of his brother when she married Edward Mellows; and that the Hannah Smith who married Joseph Hills junior was his neice, and the step-daughter of the senior Joseph, who was the third husband of the Hannah whose maiden name is still unknown. It is however a fair inference that she was of a good English family. The wills of Nathaniel Smith indicate considerable family property, and her second husband was the son of Abraham Mellows and Martha Bulkeley, and nephew of the Rev. Peter Bulkeley (1582-1658) of Concord, Mass.; the father of the brother and sister being the Rev. Edward Bulkeley, D. D., of Odell, England. We regret that this important information was not in possession of any member of our board until it was too late to be included in our genealogy.

And now that the history of the family has been published what shall be the future of our Association. While ancient and modern records remain undiscovered, while new discoveries compel changes in what have been considered perfect records, and while births, marriages and deaths are a condition of existence, genealogical work can never be called finished. It is hoped there will still be interest enough in the family research to hold a membership that will maintain our organization and continue our annual reports. A list of all who at any time have been members of our association will follow this report.

If sufficient interest is manifested it is the intention of those who have been of its management from its beginning, to annually publish for the benefit of its members what may be termed genealogical bulletins, supplementary to our genealogy. From belated returns and other material the bulletin for the current year has been constructed. It will be found as an appendix to this report. It is arranged in such order that by means of the designating numbers of the genealogy its information can be connected with records that form a part of our family history.

Respectfully submitted,
For the Board of Directors,
THOMAS HILLS, *President.*

Proceedings of the 12th ANNUAL MEETING,

Tuesday, June 5, 1906.

The President called the meeting to order at 2.15 P. M. Records read and approved. Directors report was read by the President, accepted by the corporation and ordered printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIVED.

1905-6.			
June 6.	Balance from last year,	$140.06	
	Foreign research fund on hand,	102.40	
	Total on hand,		$242.46
	Membership fees received,		53.00
	Sale of small book,		1.00
	Interest on deposits,		8.56
			$305.02

EXPENDED.

1905.		
Sept.	Paid, Repairing stamp,	$ .75
	Printing annual reports,	17.50
	Envelopes for reports,	.37
	Secretary for postage,	3.63
	Payment on account of Genealogical data of 1902,	100.00
1906.		
May 10.	Envelopes, paper, etc	.40
25.	T. Gorham, printing notices,	2.75

May 25.	Secretary, for postage,		2.03
	Foreign research fund on hand,	$102.40	
	General fund on hand	75.19	
	Total to balance		177.59
			$305.02

Signed,

RICHARD HILLS, Treasurer.

Report accepted and ordered spread upon the records.

Report of the Secretary was accepted.

A hearty vote of thanks was cordially extended to William Sanford Hills, compiler, and to Thomas Hills, editor of the Hills genealogy, for their persistent, patient and successful labors in preparing for publication the book entitled "The Hills Family in America", and also for their generous contributions to the same.

Mr. J. Edward Hills and Mrs. Harold Marshall were appointed a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

Edwin M. Hills of Taunton, having served as secretary since the organization of the corporation in 1894, expressed the desire to be released from further service in that capacity and the following was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

At a meeting of the Hills Family Genealogical and Historical Association, held in Boston June 5, 1906, upon motion of Mr. William Sanford Hills, it was unanimously

Resolved.—That acquiescing in the desire of our associate, Edwin M. Hills of Taunton, to retire from the office of Secretary, the corporation places on its records an expression of the appreciation of its members, of the signal ability with which he has discharged the duties of his arduous position, from the time our association has had a corporate existance.

His twelve years of service has ended just as the genealogy of the family in America has been given to the world. His quiet and conscientious work has been an efficient factor in keeping our organization interested in the publication of our family history, to a degree that has contributed largely to its successful completion.

While he retires with our best wishes for his health and happiness, it is a satisfaction to know we can still have the benefit of his services as a director of the corporation.

Resolved.—That the Association present the retiring secretary with a copy of the family Genealogy, as a memento of his connection with its production.

The committee nominated the following officers for the ensuing year, all of whom were duly elected.

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As retiring Secretary I desire to cordially commend my successor in office to the large circle of "Hills" located in all sections of the United States with whom I have so agreeably corresponded during the past dozen years. I shall be pleased to hear from any of my correspondents at any time, many of whom I feel acquainted with but have not had the pleasure of meeting. All business communications, however, should hereafter be addressed to J. Edward Hills, Secretary, 21 Milk St. Boston, Mass.

Adjourned.

EDWIN M. HILLS, Secretary.

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OF THE

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT

(JUNE, 1906)

OF THE

Hills Family Genealogical and Historical Association.

A Supplementary Record connecting with the Hills Genealogy.

The reference numbers are those of that work.

218. In April, 1906, Mrs. Elizabeth Flint Wade of Buffalo, N.Y., wrote the compiler as follows: "I am enclosing data which has just today come to my notice. I have taken it from Huit Hills' Bible which bears the inscription, 'Huit Hills, His Bible. Given him by his mama in the year 1789.' Below is written, 'Lovicy Wade, her Bible.' The Bible was given to my husband, Frank A. Wade, by his father, Schuyler Wade. On the leaf between the old and new Testaments is the family record. You will notice that this record gives only eleven children, while in the list you send to me there appear thirteen. But between the last two children whose names I send is a name and part of a date illegible—1796. * * * In the Bible is given the maiden name of Huit Hills' wife, Elizabeth Smith. In transcribing the record I have spelled the names exactly as they are written in the old Bible. You will notice that Polly is spelled 'Polle' and Louisa is spelled 'Lovise.'

The record is as follows:

Huit Hills, born August 31, 1753.
Elizabeth Smith, born Oct. 2nd, 1753.

Huit Hills died in Vernon, N. Y., February 28, 1821.

Lucy Hills	born	Sept.	15,	1774.
Sarah Hills	"	March	25,	1776.
Polle Hills	"	"	23,	1778.
Elizabeth Hills	"	Nov.	27,	1779.
Lovise Hills	"	Aug.	21,	1781.

Ira Hills born June 26, 1783.
Elisha Hills " Feb. 13, 1787.
Allen Hills " April 26, 1791.
Orpha Hills " June 18, 1793.
——— ——— Died in infancy.
Huit Hills " Nov. 23, 1798.
Levi Hills died Oct. the 2nd, 1788, in his fourth year.

496. Louisa, or Lovise. (Record furnished by Mrs. Wade.)
b. Aug. 21, 1781; d. Sept. 25, 1865; married March 25, 1802, Stephen Wade (Amasa, Stephen, Jacob.)

Children:

Tracy, b. July 7, 1802; d. Jan. 14, 1811.
Elizabeth, b. Aug. 14, 1803.
Schuyler, b. June 9, 1806; d. Dec. 25, 1878.
Amasa Hale, b. " 8, 1808; d. Jan. 21, 1809.
Abernethy, b. Jan. 9, 1810.
Tracy Hale, b. April 12, 1814.
Stephen Franklin, b. Oct. 28, 1814.
Virgil Bogue, b. March 15, 1823.

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433. Adino^6, (Samuel^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, John^2, William^1.)
b. East Hampton, Middlesex Co., Conn., August 20, 1770; married Chloe Lord.

Children of Adino and Chloe (Lord) Hills:

433a. Anson, b. —— 1805; m. Nancy Lester.
433b. Elisha, b. Conajoharie, N.Y., June 11. 1807; m. Caroline Wart.
433c. Betsey, b. " " —— 1810; d. ——
433d. Norman, b. " " May 1, 1812; m. Lucy A. Backus.
433e. Charles R. b. " " Dec. 2, 1814; m. Sarah A. Backus.
433f. Susan, b. " " —— 1818; m. —— Coon.

433 A Anson^7, (Adino^6, Samuel^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, John^2, William^1)
b. prob. at Conajoharie, Montgomery Co., N.Y., 1805; d. New York State; m. Nancy Lester. Nothing further known.

433 B Elisha^7 (No. 4999 Hills Genealogy), Adino^6, Samuel^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, John^2, William^1.
b. Conajoharie, Montgomery Co., N. Y., June 11, 1807; d. Fulton, Bourbon Co., Kansas, March 19, 1896; m. Eagle.

Alleghany Co., N. Y., Jan. 1, 1832, Caroline Wart, b. Conajoharie, May 26, 1812; d. Fulton, Dec. 31, 1882. The family removed to Sycamore, DeKalb Co., Ill., 1840, and to Kansas, July 1, 1860.

Children of Elisha and Caroline (Wart) Hills:

433B. I. Jacob, b. Eagle, N. Y., Nov. 13, 1832; d. unmarried.
433B. II. Louisa, b. " " July 26, 1834; m. Timothy Hackett.
433B. III. Harriet, b. " " Aug. 8, 1836; m. Silas Tooley.
433B. IV. Adino, b. " " " 3, 1838; m. Susan Dixon.
433B. V. Artemissa, b. Sycamore, Ill., Mar 5, 1844; m. Wm. J. Stone.
433B. VI. Arilla, b. " " — 1846; d. 1870.
433B. VII. Elisha, b. " " — 1848; d. 1862.

433 C BETSEY^{7}, (Adino^{6}, Samuel^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Samuel^{3}, John^{2}, William^{1}. b. Conajoharie, Montgomery Co., N. Y., — 1810; d. —. Nothing further known.

433 D NORMAN^{7}, (Adino^{6}, Samuel^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Samuel^{3}, John^{2}, William^{1}. b. Conajoharie, Montgomery Co., N. Y., May 1, 1812; d. Vicksburg, Kalamazoo Co., Mich., May — 1881; m. Nottawa, St. Joseph Co., Mich., Oct. 4, 1839, Lucy A. Backus, b. Genesee Co., N. Y., May 13, 1819; d. Vicksburg, Sept. 15, 1893.

Children of Norman and Lucy A. (Backus) Hills:

433D. I. Malcom, b. Nottawa, Mich., Jan. 2, 1841; m. Alleta Earl.
433D. II. Julia, b. Brady, " June 5, 1843; m. Austin Martin.
433D. III. Lucy, b. " " April 30, 1845.
433D. IV. Manfred, b. " " March 20, 1847.
433D. V. Motham, b. " " " 26. 1849; m. Jane Riley.

433 E CHARLES R.^{7}, (Adino^{6}, Samuel^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Samuel^{3}, John^{2}, William^{1}. b. at Conajoharie, Montgomery Co., N. Y., or as his daughter Harriet writes, in Alleghany Co., N. Y.. Dec. 2, 1814; d. Fillmore Co., Minn., — 1899; married, Genessee Co., N. Y., Oct. 27, 1838, Sarah A. Backus, b. Genessee Co., April 1, 1821; d. Fillmore Co., March 2, 1878.

Children of Charles R. and Sarah A. (Backus) Hills.

433E. I. Manfred, b. St. Joseph Co., Mich., Aug. 1840.
433E. II. Homer, b. " " " Aug. 12, 1842; m. Gusta Arneson.
433E. III. Jane, b. " " " June 2, 1845; m. Jay C. Horsford.
433E. IV. Harriet, b. " " " April — 1847; m. John Craig.

433E. v. Emma, b. St. Joseph Co., Mich., May 18, 1850.
433E. vi. Charles R. b. " " " — — 1853; d. aged 5 months.
433E. vii. Webster, b. Fillmore, Minn., — — 1857; m. Lois Haskins.
433E. viii. Washington, b. " " — — 1859; m. Josephine Andrews.

433 F Susan^7, (Adino^6, Samuel^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, John^2, William^1.) b. either in Montgomery Co. or Alleghany Co., N. Y., — 1818; married —— Coon. Nothing further is known.

433. B. i. Jacob^8, (Elisha^7, Adino^6, Samuel^5, Samuel^4. Samuel^3, John^2, William^1. b. Eagle, Alleghany Co., N. Y., Nov. 13, 1832; d. Sycamore, DeKalb Co., Ill., 1854; unmarried.

433. B. ii. Louisa^8, (Elisha^7, Adino^6, Samuel^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, John^2, William.^{1}) b. Eagle, Alleghany Co., N. Y. July 26, 1834; d. Fulton, Bourbon Co., Kansas, 1872; married, Fulton, Timothy Hackett. One child, Susan, married, lives Prescott, Linn Co., Kansas.

433 B. iii. Harriet^8, (Elisha^7, Adino^6, Samuel^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, John^2, William^1.) b. Eagle, Alleghany Co., N. Y., Aug. 8, 1836; married, Sycamore, DeKalb Co., Ill., Sept. 6, 1857, Silas Tooley, b. New York State; d. Watervliet, Berrien Co., Mich., Jan. 5, 1899. Mrs. Tooley resides (Nov. 1905) at Watervliet.

Children of Harriet (Hills) and Silas Tooley:

433. B. ^{1} Ella, b. Sycamore, June 10, 1858; d. Watervliet, Feb. 18, 1871.

433. B. ^{2} Caroline, b. Pau Paw, Van Buren Co., Mich., Jan. 22, 1860; m. Watervliet, Sept. 1, 1883, Frank Burbanks.

433. B. ^{3} Harriett, b. Pau Paw, Mich., Aug. 11, 1862; m. Watervliet. Oct. 3, 1880, Will Hennessey.

433. B. ^{4} Lida, b. Pau Paw, Mich., April 11, 1865; d. Watervliet, Apr. 11, 1874.

433. B. ^{5} William, b. Mapleton, Bourbon Co., Kansas, April 18, 1867; m. Watervliet, June 9, 1887, Sarah Harrison.

433. B. ^{6} Silas, b. Watervliet, Mich., Oct. 20, 1871; m. Watervliet, Dec. 31, 1895, Edith Smith.

433. B. ^{7} Nettie, b. Watervliet, Mich., Jan. 24, 1873; m. Watervliet, Feb. 27, 1895, Will Clark; m. 2d, Watervliet, Nov. 27, 1905. George Johnson.

433 B. IV. ADINO^{8}, (Elisha^{7}, Adino^{6}, Samuel^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Samuel^{3}, John^{2}, William^{1}.) b. Eagle, Alleghany Co., N. Y., Aug. 3, 1838; d. Fulton, Bourbon Co., Kansas, Nov. 29, 1895; married, Mapleton, Bourbon Co., Sept. 24, 1865, Susan Dixon, b. Springfield, Sangamon Co., Ill., Dec. 18, 1845. Resides (1906) Fulton.

Children of Adino and Susan (Dixon) Hills:

433. B. ^{4} (a) Hattie, b. Fort Lincoln, Kansas, June 25, 1866; m. G. E. Friedley.
433. B. ^{4} (b) Frank D., b. " " " May 7, 1869.
433. B. ^{4} (c) Minta, b. " " " Oct. 6, 1875; m. Thomas Pickford.

433 B. V. ARTEMISSA^{8}, (Elisha^{7}, Adino^{6}, Samuel^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Samuel^{3}, John^{2}, William^{1}. b. Sycamore, DeKalb Co., Ill., March 5, 1844; d. Fort Scott, Bourbon Co., Kansas, — — 1904; married about 1866, William J. Stone, of Bourbon Co., who died Fulton in that Co. about 1900.

Children of Artemissa (Hills) and William J. Stone:

^{1} Caroline, married Homer Prichard.
^{2} Evangeline, " Alva Reitzel.
^{3} Timothy,
^{4} Joseph, " Bessie Morrison; 2d, Mamie Endfield.
^{5} Belle, " Dr. A. J. Ward.

433 B. VI. ARILLA^{8}, (Elisha^{7}, Adino^{6}, Samuel^{5}. Samuel^{4}, Samuel^{3}, John^{2}, William^{1}.) b. Sycamore, DeKalb Co., Ill., — 1846; d. — 1870.

433 B. VII. ELISHA^{8}, (Elisha^{7}, Adino^{6}, Samuel^{5}, Samuel^{4}. Samuel^{3}, John^{2}, William^{1}.) b. Sycamore, DeKalb Co., Ill., — 1848; d. — 1862.

433 D. I. MALCOM^{8}, (Norman^{7}, Adino^{6}, Samuel^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Samuel^{3}, John^{2}, William^{1}.) b. Nottawa, St. Joseph Co., Mich., Jan. 2, 1841; d. Fulton, Kalamazoo Co., Mich., March 26, 1897; married, Pavilion, Kalamazoo Co., Oct. — 1874, Alletta Earl.

433 D. II. JULIA^{8}, (Norman^{7}, Adino^{6}, Samuel^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Samuel^{3}, John^{2}, William^{1}.) b. Brady, Kalamazoo Co., Mich., June 5, 1843; married, Vicksburg, Kalamazoo Co., Dec. 20, 1868, Austin Martin, who died, Reno, Leavenworth Co., Kansas, July 17, 1868. Mrs. Martin resides (1906) in Vicksburg.

433 D. iii. Lucy^8, (Norman^7, Adino^6, Samuel^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, John^2, William^1.) b. Brady, Kalamazoo Co., Mich., April 30, 1845. Nothing further reported.

433 D. iv. Manfred^8, (Norman^7, Adino^6. Samuel^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, John^2, William^1.) b. Brady, Kalamazoo Co., Mich., March 20, 1847. Nothing further reported.

433 D. v. Motham^8, (Norman^7, Adino^6, Samuel^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, John^2, William^1.) b. Brady, Kalamazoo Co., Mich., March 26, 1849; married, Grand Rapids, Mich., July 4, 1875, Jane Riley, b. Pavilion, Kalamazoo Co., June 30, 1851; d. April 26, 1903.

433 E. i. Manfred^8, (Charles R.^{7}, Adino^6, Samuel^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, John^2, William^1.) b. St. Joseph Co., Mich., Aug. — 1840; d. aged two months.

433 E. ii. Homer^8. (Charles R.^{7}, Adino^6, Samuel^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, John^2, William^1.) b. St. Joseph Co., Mich., Aug. 12, 1842; married — 1885, Gusta Arneson, who died in 1895; 2d. 1897, Katherine Thompson. Residence (1906) Montrose, McCook Co., South Dakota.

433 E. iii. Jane^8, (Charles R.^{7}, Adino^6, Samuel^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, John^2, William^1.) b. St. Joseph Co., Mich., June 2, 1845; d. Howard Co., Iowa, Jan. 30, 1899; married, 1863, Jay C. Horsford, who died 1886.

433 E. iv. Harriet^8, (Charles R.^{7}, Adino^6, Samuel^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, John^2, William.^{1}) b. St. Joseph Co., Mich., April —, 1847; married, 1876, John Craig, who died 1878; 2d, 1880. Arne T. Arneson, who died 1893. Mrs. Arneson resides (1906) Minnehaha Co., South Dakota.

433 E. v. Emma^8, (Charles R.^{7}, Adino^6, Samuel^5. Samuel^4, Samuel^3. John^2, William^1.) b. St. Joseph Co., Mich., May 18, 1850; d. — 1862.

433 E. vi. Charles R.^{8}, (Charles R.^{7}, Adino^6, Samuel^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, John^2, William^1.) b. St. Joseph Co., Mich., — — 1853; d. aged five months.

433 E. vii. Webster^8, (Charles R.^{7}, Adino^6. Samuel^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, John^2, William^1.) b. Fillmore Co., Minn., — — 1857; married, 1888, Lois Haskins. "He is still living on the old homestead in Fillmore Co."

between where it belonged and where the editor was at work numbering and adding new records, important information was received from a corresponding secretary [No. 1306] which is now printed in the only form in which the editor could connect it with the genealogy, except by a special appendix.

1303. DARWIN TODD^8, (Darwin T.^{7}, James H.^{6}, Amos^5, David^4, Joseph^3, William^2, William^1.) b. Butler Co., Ohio, Dec. 6, 1831; d. Crawfordsville, Montgomery Co., Ind., Dec. 16, 1898; married, Crawfordsville, Oct. 5, 1854, Elizabeth Heaton, b. Crawfordsville, Sept. 1, 1836.

Children of Darwin T. and Elizabeth (Heaton) Hills:

1702	Clarence E.	b.	Crawfordsville,	Aug. 28, 1855; m. Susan W. Stone.
1703	Ida M.,	b.	"	June 3, 1857.
1704	Ernest H.,	b.	Pulaski Co., Ill.	Aug. 8, 1859; m. Kitty L. Bell.
1705	Luella H.,	b.	Crawfordsville,	Dec. 20, 1861; m. Harry R. Adamson.
1706	Homer C.,	b.	"	April 30, 1864; m. Clara Connard.
1707	Everett O.,	b.	"	May 20, 1866; m. Jennie K. York.
1708	Howard E.,	b.	"	Nov. 8, 1868; m. Kate Steele.
1709	Whitford C.	b.	"	May 10, 1871; m. Sylvia Hall.
1710	George T.	b.	"	Jan. 15, 1873; m. Rachel Everson.
1711	Jessie G.,	b.	"	Nov. — 1878; m. Charles J. Myers.

1304. HENRY JAMES^8, (Darwin T.^{7}, James H.^{6}, Amos^5, David^4, Joseph^3, William^2, William^1.) b. Miamisburgh, Montgomery Co., Ohio, Dec. 19, 1833; married, Covington, Fountain Co., Ind., July 11, 1857, Willimena DuBois, b. Franklin Co., Ohio, July 24, 1837.

Child of this marriage:

1711 a. Emma L., b. Covington, April 4, 1858; m. W. E. Stanley.

1305. RICHARD MURRAY^8, (Darwin T.^{7}, James H.^{6}, Amos^5, David^4, Joseph^3, William^2, William^1.) b. Brownsville, Union Co., Ind., Dec. 8, 1835; married, Crawfordsville, Montgomery Co., Ind., Oct. 8, 1857, Mary E. Scott.

Children of Richard M. and Mary E. (Scott) Hills:

1712	Charles T.,	b.	Crawfordsville,	July 24, 1858; m. Harriet E. Scott.
1712a	Francis M.,	b.	"	Feb. 11, 1862.
1712b	Estella D.	b.	"	March 14, 1866.
1712c	Mary E.	b.	"	June 27, 1869; m. Julius T. Orton.
1712d	Emma L.,	b.	"	Mar. 9, 1872; m. Orrville C. Jarvis.

1306. See below.

1702. Rev. CLARENCE EUGENE, b. Crawfordsville, Ind., Aug. 28, 1855: married, Madisonville, Hamilton Co., Ohio, August 28, 1880. Susan W. Stone, b. Dover, N. H., Oct. 2, 1855.

Children of Clarence E. and Susan W. (Stone) Hills:

i. Ralph Winchester, b. Madisonville, April 12, 1882.
ii. Margaret, b. " Aug. 30, 1886.
iii. Robert C. b. Troy, Miami Co., O., July 17, 1888.
iv. Herbert Lawrence. b. " " March 12, 1892.
v. Mary Katherine, b. " " Aug. 8, 1893.

1704. ERNEST HERBERT, b. Pulaski Co., Ill., Aug. 8, 1859; married. San Francisco, Cal., June 7, 1890, Kitty Lucinda Bell, b. San Francisco, April 17, 1867.

Children of Ernest H. and Kitty L. (Bell) Hills:

1920 Margarett E., b. San Francisco, Dec. 19, 1892.
1921 Ernest H., b. " " August 26, 1894.

1705. LUELLA HEATON, b. Crawfordsville, Ind., Dec. 28, 1861; married, Crawfordsville, Feb. 15, 1883, Harry R. Adamson. b. Rockville, Parke Co., Ind., June 15, 1857.

Children of Luella H. (Hills) and Harry R. Adamson:

i. Ernest LeRoy, b. Crawfordsville, Feb. 27, 1884; d. Chicago, Dec. 6, 1903.
ii. Lloyd, b. " Feb. 20, 1886.
iii. Frank Ray, b. " July 27, 1888.

1706. HOMER CHAUNCY, b. Crawfordsville, Ind., April 30, 1864; married, Crawfordsville, Oct. 3, 1889, Clara Connard, b. Crawfordsville, Sept. 17, 1869, d. Crawfordsville, Feb. 6, 1891; married, 2d, Chicago, Ill., April 15, 1893, Ina Mars, b. Crawfordsville, March 27, 1867.

Children of Homer C. and Clara (Connard) Hills:

i. Nina Margurite, b. Crawfordsville, July 21, 1890.

Children of the second marriage:

ii. Dorothy, b. Crawfordsville, Feb. 22, 1894.
iii. John Mars, b. " April 2, 1896.
iv. Donald, b. " Nov. 12, 1897.
v. Elizabeth, b. " Jan. 16, 1902.
vi. Kathryne Louise, b. " Feb. 3, 1904.

1707. EVERETT ORTH, b. Crawfordsville, Ind., May 20, 1866; married, Sioux City, Iowa, June 9, 1889, Jennie Katherine York, b. Aalesund, Norway, April 25, 1868.

Children of Everett O. and Jennie K. (York) Hills:

I. Orville Arthur, b. Sioux City, March 16, 1890.
II. Bertha Beatrice, b. " June 16, 1894.
III. Lucy Elizabeth, b. " June 18, 1896.
IV. Everett Orth, b. " March 24, 1898.

1708. HOWARD ELMER, b. Crawfordsville, Ind., Nov. 8, 1868; married, Waynetown, Montgomery Co., Ind., March 28, 1894, Kate Steele, b. Waynetown, May 12, 1871.

Children of Howard E. and Kate (Steele) Hills:

I. Raymond, b. Waynetown, Feb. 9, 1895; d. Waynetown, July 12, 1895.
II. Mary Elizabeth, b. Crawfordsville, Sept. 18, 1903.

1709. WHITFORD CARL, b. Crawfordsville, Ind., May 10, 1871; married, Lincoln, Neb., August 19, 1896, Sylvia Hall, b. Lincoln, Oct. 22, 1875.

1710. GEORGE TRACY, b. Crawfordsville, Ind., Jan. 15, 1873; married, Crawfordsville, June 29, 1895, Rachel Everson, b. Whitesville, Montgomery Co., Ind., July 9, 1875.

Children of George T. and Rachel (Everson) Hills:

I. Dean Darwin, b. Crawfordsville, June 17, 1896.
II. Florence Leona, b. " Aug. 23, 1898.
III. Norman, b. " Nov. 11, 1900; d. Nov. 19, 1900.
IV. Kenneth Everson, b. " March 11, 1902.

1711. JESSIE GERTRUDE, b. Crawfordsville, Ind., Nov. — 1878; married, Golden, Jefferson Co., Col., June 3, 1903, Charles Joseph Myers, b. Crawfordsville, Feb. 22, 1877.

1711 a Emma Leonora, b. Covington, Fountain Co., Ind., April 4, 1858; married, Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kansas, Hon. William E. Stanley, late governor of the State, b. Danville, Knox Co., Ohio, Dec. 28, 1844.

Children of Emma L. (Hills) and William E. Stanley:

Charles Albert, b. Wichita, Dec. 24, 1878; d. Aug. 2, 1880.
Harry Wilbur, b. " Aug. 25, 1880.
Harriet Eugenia, b. " Aug. 23, 1884.
William Eugene, b. " April 30, 1891.

1712. CHARLES T., b. Crawfordsville, Ind., July 24, 1858; married, Bloomington, McLean Co., Ill., July 9, 1887, Harriet E. Scott.

1712 a Francis Marion, b. Crawfordsville, Ind., Feb. 11, 1862; d. October 4, 1863.

1712 b Estella Dumont, b. Crawfordsville, Ind., March 14, 1866.

1712 c Mary Eliza, b. Crawfordsville, Ind., June 27, 1869; married, Oct. 18, 1894, Rev. Julius T. Orton.

1712 d Emma Laura, b. Crawfordsville, Ind., March 9, 1872; married, June 24, 1903, Orrville C. Jarvis, b. Parke Co., Ind., Nov. 4, 1877.

1306. By clerical error for which a copyist is responsible the record of the children of Rev. Oscar A. and Louise E. (Freer) Hills as printed in the Genealogy should be amended by striking from the record of Edward R. (No. 1715) the words "d. Cincinnati, Feb. 5, 1879"; and from the record of Daisy (No. 1716) the word "Cincinnati" in connection with the date of her death, and inserting in its place the words "Alleghany, Penn." The record of these two members of the family should read:

1715. EDWARD ROWLAND, b. Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 29, 1874. A lawyer in practice in Chicago, Ill.

1716. DAISY, b. Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 26, 1877; d. Alleghany, Penn., Feb. 5. 1879.

1658. CHARLES WHITMAN of the ninth generation from William Hills, b. Springfield, Hampden Co., Mass.; married, Boston, Mass., Feb. 20, 1906, Gertrude N., b. Boston, the daughter of Frank E. and Mary B. (Cline) Sullivan.

2346. HENRY SMITH^5, (Smith^4, Smith^3, Samuel^2, Joseph^1.) Married Feb. 25, 1875, Mrs. Sarah Jane Clark, who died Cambridge, Middlesex Co., Mass., Dec. 13, 1905. The official record of her death shows her age to have been 77 years and 2 months. and that she was born in Shapleigh, York Co., Me., daughter of Darling and Maria P. (Tling) Abbott, both of whom were born in that town.

2499. John of the sixth generation from Joseph Hills was a surgeon in the war with the Florida Indians. He died Dahlonega, Lumpkin Co., Georgia, about 1849.

2185. James of the fifth generation from Joseph Hills was a soldier of the Revolution, discharged from the army Aug. 7, 1780.

2724. Charles William of the sixth generation from Joseph Hills was assistant postmaster of Leominster, Worcester Co., Mass. He died in that town March 4, 1906.

2745 ii. Child of the marriage recorded with this number, William Emerson Yeaw, b. Hudson, Mass., May 24, 1904.

2768 i. Child of the marriage recorded with this number, Helen Irene Orcutt, b. July 5, 1885.

4100. Joseph Edwin and Laura (Ellison) Hills, third son, their fourth child, Thomas Jefferson, b. Nov. 14, 1905.

4105. Lydia Pearl (Hills) and John Cassies Mayfield, their second daughter, Edith, b. Jan. 4, 1906.

4107. Robert Edgar and Mae (Prescott) Hills, married 1905; their son, Edgar Prescott, b. West Newton, Middlesex Co., Mass., April 7, 1906. This young wife and mother died West Newton, June 18, 1906.

4925. Jacob H., son of Jacob Hills, emigrant from Germany, b. Williamsburg, Hampden Co., Mass., died in Northampton in that County, Dec. 24, 1905; survived by a widow and three children.

In local papers and official records the compiler finds the following:

> HILS—In Woonsocket, R. I., Feb. 23, 1906, Dr. Joseph Hils.
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> Dr. Hils was surgeon-in-chief of the Woonsocket Hospital, and his death occurred there. He was a native of Canada and a graduate of McGill University, having been a classmate of Dr. William Osler. He left an estate estimated at abont $150,000, of which amount $110,000 is bequeathed to religious or charitable purposes. By his will $75,000 is given for the purpose of erecting a home for the poor children of the city of Woonsocket and for the erection of a school or college for Roman Catholic young men or boys of that city.
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> For the first named institution $25,000 has been set aside, and for the school or college the will provides the sum of $50,000. Bequests were also made to many Roman Catholic churches in the State, Canada and Germany.
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> Dr. Hils asserted before his death that he had discovered the use of the appendix, which it has heretofore been agreed by medical men was nothing.
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> By his will he left a sealed envelope to Dr. John J. Baxter, which is supposed to contain the manuscript result of Dr. Hils' studies of that portion of the human anatomy. Dr. Hils was a classmate of the famous Dr. Osler, and at the medical college several times excelled Osler in competitive examinations. An obituary notice states that "He was known as the foremost surgeon of Northern Rhode Island."

The official record of his death gives his name, Joseph Hils; his age 57; his birthplace Gregoire, Canada; his parents' names, Joseph and Rose, and their birthplace Germany.

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Genealogical & Historical Association

INCORPORATED JULY 6, 1894

Thirteenth Annual Report of the Directors.

BARNARD MEMORIAL BUILDING.
BOSTON, JUNE 4, 1907.

To the Members of the Corporation:

Another June brings with it the annually recurring duty of a report by the directors to the Association. The main feature of the statement of 1906 was an abstract of the contents of the family genealogy which had just issued from the press. That it is free from errors both of omission and commission neither its compiler or editor would for a moment assert. The fact that in their enumeration of more than five thousand persons born to our relatively unusual name, entire families and even groups of families who have carried our surname were not recognized, is doubtless true. Names that were not reported could not be enrolled. Genealogies could not be published if their compilers withheld them from the press till they were confident that the last available name had been transmitted; and a life time would be too short for one to gain by indirect methods needed information in relation to all the members of some groups known to be entitled to a place in the record, when for reasons we must assume to be satisfactory to those who hold them, letters of enquiry are not answered.

It is not surprising that the most common form of error in genealogical works is in the all important matter of dates. The compiler of a genealogy works under hard conditions in

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the chronological part of his task. Each item has a distinct individuality; there is nothing in the context to assist him. The compositor when setting the type meets the same conditions, and the proof reader often fails to find a printed error among arabic figures, that would be instantly detected in a written word. If the genealogical information is otherwise correct, it is not a very serious matter if a family bible has a record that one of its members was born on the 13th of August and a genealogy in printed form asserts that the birth was on the 31st of that month; but if the transposition affects the year instead of the day of the event, the mistake would seriously affect the record.

But another class of error utterly beyond editorial control is that which arises from carelessly written original returns to the compiler. For our genealogy all who were asked for information were furnished printed blanks with instructions for their filling, yet among them many mistakes were found by its editor and many more doubtless were undetected and passed into his work.

Perhaps a single illustration may be of interest. One of our forms duly filled, came to the editor, which contained among other information the statement that the husband of a sister of its sender had died at a certain date in 1904 in a Massachusetts city. To gain the full information as to the sister's family a communication asking for it (written when that year was not six months old) enclosing another blank was sent to the widow. When returned the date of the husband's death corresponded with that previously received as to the day and the month, but the year was given as 1894. As the letter that accompanied the return was deeply bordered with black, the editor wrote again stating that if not otherwise advised he should use the later date. No request to print the record as of the earlier year was received.

Another case will show how another class of errors originate. A few weeks after our genealogy had been sent out a letter was received from a subscriber, a resident of a western state, regretting that the work contained a number of errors in the record of his family; and referring to his return he added "I certainly never gave it that way for I know the facts and am sure I was perfectly sane

at the time I sent the data." His original paper was forwarded and was returned with this acknowledgment: "I wish to apologize for the rather poor manner in which my data was written. I am not a very plain writer, and in a matter of this kind where plainness was so essential, I cannot explain why I did not have it type written, especially when I have a stenographer in the office, and I can readily see how some of the mistakes would be traceable to that cause." This gentleman was specially unfortunate, for in his record an error appears that cannot be attributed to his chirography. It is gratifying that your directors are able to say that while a very few errors in the work of the compiler and editor have been brought to notice, that our family genealogy has been very generally commended.

In our last report your directors referring to the fact that the principal work for which our association was organized had been accomplished, expressed the hope that there would "still be interest enough in the family research to hold a membership that will maintain our organization and continue our annual reports." Indications however now point to conditions that may make such a future impossible. Some of our leading members consider the work of the association as finished. One of the board of government in a laborious office for twelve years, retired from his position with the completion of the family history a year ago; another with a service nearly as long declines re-election this year. The diminished receipts for membership dues seem to indicate that others than our officers deem the work of our organization as concluded. Our president and senior director take office today for the last time if active duties are required of them. Their past record will acquit them of want of interest in the association, and they hope they may be succeeded by those who can inspire new energy into our more or less distant cousins, and give the organization another decade of usefulness. If such a result can be achieved it must be by younger men than those who now desire to lay down their responsibilities. Before our autumn months shall come your president will have entered upon his eightieth year, and his co-worker in the genealogy of our name is more than two years his senior.

But they both desire before laying down their work for the family, to have that work as nearly perfect as they can make it. They have asked the directors to propose this plan to the corporation. In connection with this report to issue a call, not only to our members but to all subscribers to and others interested in our genealogy, to send to its editor as early as possible, but not later than the last day [Dec. 31] of the current year, corrections of all errors found to exist in that work; also to report the names of those who were entitled to be in its record, but were omitted, with such geneaogical data as it is possible to connect with them; and also to give the changes that have come since the publication of the family history by births, marriages or deaths in the families of those recorded in it. This plan we recommend, and if our recommendation is adopted no genealogical bulletin will be annexed to this report, but that which was attached to that of 1906, with the information now in our possession and to be received till the close of the current year [Dec. 1907,] will form a supplement to our genealogy and be the close of that work.

Under existing conditions your directors recommend that some five miles north of Boston, at Malden, a city of about 40,000 inhabitants, in the centre of which is the old home place of the immigrant Joseph Hills, the annual meeting of 1908 be held. At that time and place the present members of the association, by a slight change in its by-laws, can provide that meetings of the corporation be held only when specially called; and that while our annual meetings and reports are discontinued no assessments be collected, but nevertheless our organization be kept alive by its life members and a board of government empowered to fill the vacancies in that body caused by the death or resignation of any of its officers;—or, if a more active existence is considered desirable, that officers be chosen who are willing to carry on in the usual manner such work of the organization as may be deemed expedient, and who will succeed those who wish to be relieved of all active duties.

During its existence the association has had four reunions, inviting all of the name or connected with it by marriage whose

post office address was known to join us in our outings. The first was at Downer's Landing, a peninsular in the lower Boston harbor, in August 1895; the second, on the last day of July in 1897 at Alvirne, Hudson, N. H., the summer home of our director Dr. Alfred K. Hills of New York, who annually spends his vacation on, or near the farm of five hundred acres given to his immigrant ancestor, Joseph Hills of Malden, by the Massachusetts Bay Colony, in consideration of his services in compiling the first codification of its laws; the third in July 1899, upon the sea shore in the town of Revere, some seven miles from Boston, in the park-like grounds known as the Point of Pines; the fourth was held in the summer of 1902 in the town of Quincy, on the peninsula in upper Boston harbor known as Squantum. They were all well attended and very enjoyable. Your directors now propose that to our next annual meeting not only the members of the association but all of the name, descendants of emigrant ancestors of the three great branches of our family, be invited to assemble at Malden on the first Tuesday in June 1908 for a fifth reunion. If this plan meets with your approval all who receive this report will be notified in the month of May of that year of the details of such an occasion, which will include a mid-day meal the cost of which will not exceed one dollar for each participant. The secretary's notice will ask for replies that will enable the directors to estimate the number who desire dinner tickets.

If in the opinion of the government those who are expected to attend are insufficient in number to make a festival a success, a second notice will be sent sometime in May to those who have responded which will outline the plan of the directors for the Malden meeting, which as no dinner will be included will be without cost to those who attend.

Respectfully submitted,
For the Board of Directors,
THOMAS HILLS, President.

NECROLOGY, 1906-7.

Delos C. Hills, born in Philadelphia, Penn., November 21, 1844, died in that city November 22, 1906. He was probably a descendant of William the head of the Connecticut branch of the family, but his line cannot be traced to an earlier date than that of his father David Hills, who was born in Ithaca, New York in 1806.

Mary Pitkin Hills, wife of Frank E. Whitman of Amherst, Mass., daughter of the late Henry F. Hills of that town, died in February of the current year. She was born in Amherst January 14, 1869, and was buried there on the 17th day of February 1907. She was of the 9th generation from the emigrant William of Hartford who died in 1683.

Sarah Smith Hills, widow of the late Thomas Barnes Hitchcock, of Boston, died at Newton, Mass., March 22, 1907. She was born July 28, 1835, the daughter of Joel Hills, and the sister of our senior director. She was the mother of two sons, who conducting the business of the Grafton Press of New York, were the publishers of our family genealogy. She was of eighth generation from Joseph Hills of Malden and Newbury, the emigrant of 1638.

Frank Seaver Hills of Middletown, Conn., died in that town March 25, 1907. He was born in Medway, Mass., Oct. 24, 1837, the son of Harvey Hills, and was of the eighth generation from Joseph the emigrant of 1638. For some years before our family association was incorporated he was the president of that branch of the Malden group who were descended from the Jabez Hills, born in that town of the fourth generation from the emigrant; who married in Wrentham in 1727 Martha Metcalf, and settled in that part of that town which was set off in 1778 and incorporated as the town of Franklin, Mass.

Philip Knapp Hills, born Newburyport, Mass., June 19, 1849, died at Waverley, Mass., April 29, 1907. He was the son of Philip K. Hills, and of the eighth generation from the emigrant Joseph who was of Newbury (of which the "port" was a part) when he died February 5th, 1688.

Proceedings of the

13th ANNUAL MEETING.

Tuesday, June 4, 1907.

The President called the meeting to order at 2.30 P. M. Records read and approved. Directors report was read by the President, and the several recommendations offered, namely:—The first in relation to a call for corrections and additions to the published genealogy; the second in relation to holding the next annual meeting at Malden, and the third in relation to a reunion in that city on the second day of June 1908, of all descendants of the English emigrants of our name or connected with the family by marriage were severally adopted—and the report was recommitted to the Board of Directors with authority to make certain verbal changes therein before it was printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIVED.

1906-7.			
June 5.	Balance from last year,	$75.19	
	Foreign research fund on hand,	102.40	
	Total on hand,		$177.59
	Membership fees received,		18.00
	Sale of small book,		1.05
	Interest on deposits,		5.21
			$201.85

EXPENDED.

Paid.	Genealogical book to ex-Secretary,		$6.00
	Printing annual reports,		44.50
	Envelopes for reports and stationery,		1.00
	Secretary for postage,		6.51
	Express,		.75
			$58.76
1907.			
June 4.	Foreign research fund on hand,	$102.40	
	General fund on hand,	40.69	
	Total to balance		143.09
			$201.85

Signed,

RICHARD HILLS, Treasurer.

Report accepted and ordered spread upon the records.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Your Secretary's report will of necessity be a brief one.

Our Association has

3 Honorary Members.
36 Life Members.

The number of Annual Members is an unknown quantity.

From the records of my predecessor in office, I made up a list of (supposedly) 56 of what might be called "Active Annual Members." To each of these I sent notices of the call for this meeting and statement showing amount each one owed the Association in dues, a total of $120.

The result up to the present time is as follows :

7 Have paid up dues, amounting to $9.00
1 Has notified me of his withdrawal from the Association in 1899.
1 Has notified me of his withdrawal from the Association in 1907.
1 Has sent in resignation, and
1 Notice has been returned by Postmaster for correct address.
45 Have made no response of any kind.

During the past year two new Annual Members have been added.

This ends your Secretary's report, which is respectfully submitted.

J. EDWARD HILLS, Secretary.

June 4, 1907.

Mr. Edwin M. Hills of Taunton, and Mr. J. Edward Hills of Newton, were appointed a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year, who reported the following list of nominees.

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RICHARD HILLS, 814 Watertown St., West Newton.

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ALFRED KIMBALL HILLS, M. D., New York, N. Y.
Mrs. BERTHA HILLS MARSHALL, Melrose, Mass.

All of whom were duly elected.

Adjourned.

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For the State of Oregon.

Hills Family

Genealogical and Historical Association

INCORPORATED JULY 6, 1894.

Fourteenth Annual Report of the Directors.

Chapel of the Baptist Church,
(On the homestead estate of Joseph Hills, immigrant of 1638.
Malden, June 2, 1908.

To the Members of the Corporation:

The only incident of the past year of common interest the directors will call to your attention, has been the publication of an interesting article in the April number of the New England Historical and Genealogical Register on the Essex county town in England which was the home place of the emigrant Joseph Hills for the last six years of his residence in his native land. It was contributed by Mr. Oscar F. Adams, who recognizes the well known fact that the city of Malden which is a part of "Greater Boston", took its name from Maldon in old England, when he says "the denizens of the Massachusetts town might choose much less inspiring reading than may be found in the history of their English original", but although he does not venture an opinion why our Middlesex county municipality was named for the Essex county town of the mother land, he appears to cast a doubt upon the generally accepted belief that the name was given in honor of its first citizen from the date of its incorporation. Quoting from the opening paragraphs of his article we find—"At the celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of Malden. Massachusetts, May 23, 1849, it was distinctly declared that the town derived its name from 'a town in England in the county of Essex'. The orator on that occasion * * * referred to the sup-

posed identity of the English original with the Roman Camouldunum. As Colchester is now commonly identified with that famous Roman colony, the American orator did not enlighten his fellow citizens as much as he probably supposed. One Joseph Hills, accompanied by his wife Rose, came from Maldon to the Bay Colony and was among the early settlers of Malden. It is in his honor that the settlement is presumed to have been named."

The reflection on the historical accuracy of the New England orator of sixty years ago might be accepted if the modern author had given his authority for supposing him to be in error, and that Colchester some twenty miles from Maldon was "identified with that famous Roman colony".

The Encyclopædia Britannica is of the first rank as authority for English history and archæology. In its ninth edition published in 1878—Vol. VIII, page 554 can be found this statement: "We know from history that within the present boundaries of Essex the Romans had not only their great central post of Camulodunum but also stations" in five other places. "The site of several of these, however, is still matter of debate." * * * "By some antiquaries Lexden is regarded as the site of the *British* town of Camulodunum, and certain mounds are identified with its defences." In this connection Colchester is referred to only with the remark "Of Roman works of art discovered in the county perhaps the most remarkable are the Colchester Sphinx and an effigy of a centurion unearthed in the same town". It would seem to be possible that the author of the Register article has not enlightened his readers "as much as he probably supposed".

The monosyllable "One" prefixed to the name of any person is usually considered to convey the opposite meaning of the abbreviation "Hon." so often misapplied; and if the author did not intend that his use of it, in connection with language that implies a doubt that our Massachusetts Malden was named in honor of the English emigrant of our name should be so construed, his choice of words was most unfortunate. But for the descendants of the immigrant of 1638 it is important that the doubt however expressed should be

dispelled by the production of such evidence as is available. It is admitted that the evidence is circumstantial. If the acts of the general court that have chartered our more than three hundred and fifty Massachusetts municipalities, in a single case declare the name of a person in whose honor its designation was given, such a case has yet to come to the knowledge of any of your directors. Opening our case with the statement that Malden known as Mysticside, was a part of Charlestown until 1649, we will show Joseph Hills the most prominent person connected with that portion of the mother town at that date.

July 17, 1638, the ship Susan and Ellen of whose voyage Joseph Hills was "Undertaker," arrived at Boston.

July 30, 1638, he was admitted a townsman of Charlestown and granted two lots of land on "Mistickside," one of fifty acres, the other of twenty-five acres near where he built his house soon after the incorporation of the town of Malden.

In 1645 he was one of six citizens from Middlesex county "chosen to drawe vp a body of lawes" for the consideration of the General Court.

In 1646 he was chosen to represent Charlestown in the House of Deputies, and in that year the work of making a codification of the laws then in force was given to a committee of four, of which the Governor was chairman and Mr. Hills a member.

In 1647 re-elected to the General Court he was chosen Speaker of that legislative body, which at its May session changed the personel of the committee charged with the codification of the laws, making it a body of five, but still retaining the Governor as its head and Mr. Hills as a member. At its November session "Five Books or Rowls" prepared by him were presented to the General Court and a copy for the press was ordered.

In 1648 in the month of March with "Mr. Rawson" he was desired by the Court to "compare ye amendments of the

bookes of lawes passed, & make them as one" and at the May session it was "ordered, that the Auditor gen: & Mr. Joseph Hill shall examine the lawes now at the presse, & to see if any materiall law be not put in or mentioned in the table as beinge of force, & to make suply of them". In this year with nine associates he commenced proceedings to have that part of Charlestown which the next year became Malden set off as a separate parish.

In 1649 in March and April with three others he represented Mysticside, and with six commissioners from Charlestown the bounds of the new parish and the terms of separation were determined. In this year he was again a member of the General Court and the records of Massachusetts Colony (Vol. III, page 162) show that on the 11th of May 1649 "Mr. Joseph Hill is graunted, as a gratuity, tenn pounds, to be paid him out of the treasury, for his paines about the printed lawes", and that on the same day the Deputies concurred with the Council and voted "In answer to the petition of seu'll inhabitants of Misticke Side, their request is granted, viz., to be a distinct towne of themselves, & the name thereof to be Maulden". There is nothing in the vote of the Council to suggest that the petitioners requested that their town be called Maldon, but the language of the votes of both branches indicate that their desire was simply for a separation from Charlestown, to be a distinct and independent town, and that the General Court chose the name, naturally at the suggestion of their associate who had been a land owner in the new town for more than ten years and proposed to make it the place of his home. That in 1649 he was, and that he remained the leading citizen of the new settlement, may be inferred from the fact that from that year to 1664 he represented that town in the General Court, with the exception only of the years 1657-59 when Malden sent no deputy to represent the town.

The history of Malden published in 1899, is our authority for all that relates to the public life of Joseph Hills. If the author of the Register article, before he wrote it, carefully consulted that work, he must have known of honorable public employment of the early settler of that town before and after the date of its incorporation.

In 1870 what is now the city of Everett with a population of 30,000 was set off from Malden. It is common knowledge that it was named for the distinguished Bostonian who retired from public life more than a half century ago, having been Governor of the state, United States Senator and the representative of our National Government to that of Great Britain. Two or three hundred years hence when events that are making our local history today will be in the misty past, some writer referring to the legislative act that made the young city a town, may publish the statement that that municipality is presumed to have received its name in honor of one Edward Everett, and have better standing for his assertion and for his manner of expressing it, than the author who wrote on the Maldon of old England for the last April Register.

When the Hills Family Association was incorporated fourteen years ago, three of its members had begun genealogical work outside the line of their direct ancestry; but they had made but little progress. Those of our name who answered to their call for a union of effort were few in number and widely scattered, but by the appointment of corresponding secretaries the work of gathering information was systemized and added to that done under the immediate direction of our senior director. His total loss of sight precluded his searching libraries, registries of deeds and those of probate courts and of towns and cities, except by the employment of others; but what he thus gathered at his own expense was supplemented by his correspondence. Following every clew the progress of his work disclosed, his material accumulated and as it came to him it was methodically arranged, till, in the early spring of 1904 he turned over the mass to your president that he might prepare it for the press. Two years later the finished work

was issued by its publishers. At the annual meeting of last year, and after it had been in the hands of its purchasers for more than twelve months, the Association authorized a call on all its members and also on the owners of the work, to send to its editor during the remaining six months of the year correction of all errors noted and all new material that could be reported, whether the space it would fill was because of omissions while compilation was in progress or because of births, marriages or deaths that had occurred subsequent to the date of the reports that had been the basis of the genealogical work. And the editor is glad to be able to inform you that the errors in our book are few and unimportant, and that the bulk of the supplement which is now ready for distribution, is occasioned by returns which conveyed to your president information not in his possesion when preparing the manuscript of the Genealogy for the press.

And now looking to the future we would say that the two years that have passed since the Hills Family in America was published, have brought to the members of the government convincing proof that it would be useless to attempt further organized effort under their direction. The report of last year showed by the resignation of one of our directors and the withdrawal of forty-nine of our members, that only a small minorty of those who had composed its membership was willing to pay annual assessments for additional genealogical work. Even your president and senior director pleading their four score years as a justification, gave notice that with the annual meeting of 1908 they must close their official connection with the association, and be counted with those who recognize that with the publishment and correction of the family geneaology the work of our organization is finished. And now all the remaining officers have come to the same conclusion. But for the very improbable contingency that seven members can be found in our now depleted ranks who are willing to take their places, one of two alternatives must be accepted: either a disbandment and our union be but a memory, or our association be kept alive ready for any special work, but with no active

duties or assessments required of any of its members.

The latter alternative is thought to be the more desirable, and your directors recommend that the necessary changes be made in our constitution and by-laws, that will enable you to remain members of our organization and will allow them, while thanking all who have aided them in bringing its work to a successful close, to still continue to be officers of the Hills Family Genealogical and Historical Association.

Respectfully submitted,
For the Board of Directors,
THOMAS HILLS, *President.*

CONSTITUTION

AND

BY-LAWS

OF THE

HILLS FAMILY

Genealogical and Historical Association.

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

Incorporated under the Laws of Massachusetts July 6, 1894.

1901.

CONSTITUTION.

I.—Name of Corporation.

The name of this corporation shall be the Hills Family Genealogical and Historical Association.

II.—Purpose of Corporation.

The purpose for which it is constituted is the collection, compilation and publication of such data and information as may be obtained concerning the genealogy and history of the Hills Family.

III.—Membership.

Any person connected with the Hills Family by decent or marriage may become a member by signifying his desire to the clerk of the corporation in writing and the payment of membership dues.

IV.—Membership Dues.

Persons paying an annual fee of One Dollar shall be known as Regular Members, those paying a single fee of Ten Dollars as Life Members, and those paying a single fee of One Hundred Dollars as Honorary Members, but all three classes of members shall have equal rights as members of the corporation.

V.—Government.

The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and four Directors who shall constitute a Board of Directors. They shall be elected by not less than a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at the annual meeting which shall be held on the first Tuesday of June of each year, and shall hold office for one year and until their successors are elected and have accepted office. Corresponding Secretaries may be appointed in such manner and with such powers and duties as may be provided by the By-Laws, for any State in the United States or for any County or City therein or for any Nation or recognized subdivision thereof.

VI.—Clerk.

The Secretary shall be Clerk of the corporation.

VII.—Title to Property.

The legal title and ownership of all the property, effects and assets of the corporation shall be in the Board of Directors for the time being, in trust.

BY-LAWS.

I.—Duties of Officers. The President.

The president shall preside at all business meetings of the Association and Board of Directors, and in his absence a president pro-tempore shall be chosen, who shall perform the duties of a president for the time being.

II.— The Secretary.

The Secretary shall give written notice of all meetings of the corporation at least ten days previous to the time of meeting. The Secretary shall give a receipt for all moneys received by him and he shall pay over all moneys received by him

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or memberships or for the use of the corporation, to the Treasurer and take his eceipt therefor. He shall conduct its correspondence and keep the records and inutes of the meetings.

III.—THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall receive from the Secretary all membership dues, or other oneys received by him for the corporation. He shall have the custody of all the unds belonging to the corporation or held for it for special purposes as hereinfter mentioned. He shall disburse the same under the direction of the Board of irectors. He shall keep an account of all his transactions and exhibit the same t the annual meeting.

IV.—DIRECTORS, POWERS OF

The Board of Directors shall have management and control of the affairs of the orporation and its property and shall receive for safe custody all documents that ay be intrusted to them. They may appoint Corresponding Secretaries to hold ffice until their successors are appointed, and define their duties and obligations, hich shall be uniform for all such officers, but such board shall have no power contract any debt in the name of the corporation beyond an amount that shall e in the treasury. The Directors may receive contributions from any member f the corporation, either for its general purposes or for the purpose of furnishing y their agents or employees investigations as to any line of ancestry, and when uch contributions are received for any such *special* object they shall be expended nly therefor, but all data collected by the agents of the corporation shall remain s property, and the result of any *special* investigation shall be communicated by e Directors to the person contributing any amount therefor.*

V.—CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

Corresponding Secretaries when appointed shall in their respective districts be he agents of the corporation with power under the direction of the Board of Diectors to collect information in relation to its work, and transmit the original anuscripts received by them, or copies thereof to the Secretary of the Associaion. They shall incur no expense in the name or on account of the Corporation xcept for stationery and postage, and no amount therefor shall be deemed to be ue to any such officer for the expenditures of the year at the time the Corporaion shall hold its annual meeting, unless a statement of the sum then due shall e sent to the Secretary at least ten days before the date of such meeting.

VI.—VACANCIES. HOW FILLED.

If the office of President or of the Secretary or Treasurer become vacant, the oard of Directors shall appoint a successor pro-tempore until the next annual elecion. If any other vacancy shall occur the Board of Directors may fill the same.

VII.—QUORUM.

At all meetings of the corporation seven members shall constitute a quorum for he transaction of business and a less number may adjourn from time to time.

VIII.—DIRECTORS, QUORUM OF.

At all meetings of the Board of Directors a majority of its members shall contitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

*[NOTE.—The result of any *special* investigation will be communicated, without expense o the contributor therefor, when received and reported to the corporation at its next meetng.]

IX.—BUSINESS. ORDER OF.

The Order of business at the annual meeting shall be as follows:—

1. Reading Minutes of preceding meeting.
2. Report of the Board of Directors.
3. Report of the Secretary and Clerk.
4. Report of the Treasurer.
5. Report of Committees.
6. Election of Officers.
7. New Business.

X.—AMENDMENTS. HOW MADE.

The constitution and By-Laws may be altered or amended at the annual meeting rovided that notice of any proposed alteration shall have been sent to the Secreary, in writing, at least forty days previous to such meeting, and when such otice has been received by that officer he shall send with his notice for the annal meeting the proposed amendment with the name of the member offering the ame.

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Corporation were adopted by the Hill amily Genealogical and Historical Association at a legally notified meeting hel n the Barnard Memorial Building, Boston, June 28, 1894, and approved by th Commissioner of Corporations of the State of Massachusetts, July 6, 1894. Arti le five of the By-Laws having been added and article four of the Constitutio orrespondingly amended, this reprint of the existing code was ordered by the di ectors June 4th, 1901.

Persons eligible and desiring to become members of this corporation should en lose membership fee and communicate with the Secretary,

EDWIN M. HILLS,
Taunton, Mass.

OFFICERS

Elected June 4, 1901.

PRESIDENT.

THOMAS HILLS,
157 K Street, South Boston, Mass.

TREASURER.

RICHARD HILLS,
594 Washington Street, (Room 49), Boston, Mass.

SECRETARY AND CLERK.

EDWIN M. HILLS,
159 School Street, Taunton, Mass.

DIRECTORS.

THOMAS HILLS, South Boston,
RICHARD HILLS, Boston,
EDWIN MILES HILLS, Taunton,
WILLIAM SANFORD HILLS, 294 Newbury Street, Boston.
WILLIAM NATHANIEL HILLS, 9 Chatham Row, Boston.
JOEL EDWARD HILLS, Newton, Mass.
Miss HARRIET NOYES HILLS, 43 Green St., Newburyport, Mass.

SECOND REUNION

Of the Hills Family at "Alvirne," Hudson--Dr. and Mrs. Hills Delightfully Entertain at Their Charming Summer Home.

From the NASHUA DAILEY TELLGRAPH of July 31, 1897.

The second reunion of the Hills family took place Saturday at the summer home of Dr. Alfred K. Hills of New York, at Hudson, and was attended by about 100 members of the family and invited guests. The guests from abroad were met by Dr. Hills' carriages at Nashua junction.

At "Alvirne" Cummings' orchestra of this city were stationed upon the piazza and discoursed delightful music during the assembling of the party and at intervals afterward.

Mr. Thomas Hills, president of the Hills Family Genealogical and Historical society, and who by the way is president of the South Boston Savings bank, assumed the chair and called upon the Rev. Wm. H. Moreland of San Francisco, Cal., to pronounce the invocation.

which bids one love his neighbor as himself, for otherwise they could not have prospered as they did

If we believe that prosperity must be moral as well as material, then we must acknowledge that our ancestors possessed this quality to a considerable degree, for in such times as they lived in, it was not easy for a man to obtain a collegiate education and enter a learned profession as Joseph Hills did, nor was it easy for his descendants in this then new country—we might say wilderness—to do what they did.

In those days we must remember that there were no markets in which they could sell the product of the soil, in order to support life by the sweat of the brow as we areccustomed to

Many men bearing the name of Hills may be found in the list of those who

enjoying each others respect and rejoicing each in the others success.

Our annual meeting and directors' report have been so recent, that nothing new in the line of our work can be mentioned. A communication is probably now on the ocean from the agent of the association, which will give from parish records, in part at least, proof of the birthplace and parentage of William, the emigrant of 1632. But I cannot refrain from stating that a belief that many of us hold that all of our name who are not nearly related are distant cousins, will be greatly strengthened by information contained in abstracts of Hills wills of old England, which have been forwarded to our committee on foreign investigation; or that a most remarkable coincidence can be noted.

Within a period of 25 years, the person held to be father of William of Roxbury and Hartford and a Richard Hills died in the same parish. To the will of one, Thomas King affixed his name as a witness; he was overseer or supervisor of the will of the other. Between the dates when these wills were probated, in the same county, in 1635, John Hills, a brother of Joseph of Malden and Newbury, died intestate, and in the administration of his estate the name of Thomas King appears. All this would be natural and easy to understand it the three decedents were related. A mutual friend or a relative or one connected with the family by marriage, might properly be called on for such services as he rendered by two of the three and by the survivors of the third of our name.

The only alternative to the theory of relationship between the emigrants of 1632 and 1635, suggested by the appearance of this name in the settlement of all these estates, is, as stated, a most remarkable coincidence.

Two years since all of our name were invited to our first reunion. All present agreed that the occasion was a success. But one criticism could be brought against the management. The session and the speeches were too long and but scant opportunity was afforded for conversing with relatives and old friends or for forming new acquaintances. It shall not be my fault if the mistake is repeated. With the hope that I express for all of you that "the strength of the Hills" may give a long and happy life to the inmates of this house I relieve you from attention to further words of mine.

After brief remarks by Madam Von Ridingsvard, a descendent of the early settler of Hudson, James Hills, a benediction by the Rev. F. P. Chapin closed the formal proceedings.

The D. L. Page company of Lowell,

"ALVIRNE," WHERE THE REUNION WAS HELD.

Dr. Hills then welcomed his guests as follows:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen, Friends and Kindred:

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to welcome each one of you to this historic locality, on so interesting an occasion.

I say historic, because it was here that our first ancestor became possessed of lands long ago and from the best information at our command Hon. Joseph Hills must have visited here on more than one occasion.

As most of you already know Joseph Hills, at the time of his immigration to this country, was a counsellor at law, and as he was a man of high standing in his community, it was natural that he should be selected to perform important duties. He was selected by the Massachusetts Bay colony to make the first code of laws for its government, and for this service he received 500 acres of land in this vi-

beginning

answered to their country's call and fought in the French and Indian wars, and also in the Revolutionary War. In the former we find the names of Jeremiah Hills and Elijah Hills, in the latter, the names of Lieut. Ezekel Hills, Ensign Elijah Hills, Jeremiah Hills and Samuels Hills. There are many instances in which members of the family have occupied positions of honor and of trust, and as a whole we say that the present generation is doing its best to keep abreast the times.

In what I have said I have tried not to be fulsome in my eulogy of those of whom I have spoken, but rather to set before you in the briefest possible manner, a fair and just estimate of the character and doings of those ancestors who are worthy of being honored, and who at least should receive at our hands a high appreciation of their sterling worth and personal character.

very spot where we now stand, and here, in what was then a wilderness, some of his children located and helped to settle the country.

Joseph Hills, Esq., emigrated from Malden, Essex county, England, in the year 1638, and settled in Charlestown, Mass. In 1645 he lived in Malden, Middlesex county, Mass., where he was freeman, and no doubt named that place for his native town in England. From 1647 to 1656 he represented the town in the legislature and was speaker of the house in the earliest year. History speaks of him as a leader of militia of the town, and a man of much note, as this reference to him would indicate.

His descendants in this country under different names may be numbered by the thousands, and this society has now on its list, I am told, over 2000 who bear the distinct name of "Hills."

The last will and testament of Joseph Hills was in the hands of descendants in this town for many years, previous to his being taken to Manchester where it now is. There is also in the custody of Mr Charles W. Hills, a chest, which from all appearances must have come from England and no doubt originally belonged to our first ancestor.

It was near this spot that Nathaniel Hills built the garrison which bore his name, and which was the most northerly outpost for many years. I have provided the national ensign which you will be able to see floating over the ruins of the "Hills' Garrison" as you return to the railway station this afternoon, and your attention will be directed to it. It was here that

others who are much better prepared with facts than I am to do this work. It is my purpose simply to extend to you the hospitality of "Alvirne," and in doing so to express my appreciation of those who have made it possible for me to do this In closing let me greet you, one and all, as members of our ancient and historic family, and to hope that the present occasion may be as enjoyable to you as it is to me.

The president, Mr. Thomas Hills, responded in behalf of the association and addressed the assemblage upon the general subject of the family history as follows:

For our family association I thank Dr. Hills and his wife for the kind invitation to spend a day in Hudson and for their hearty welcome The name of their beautiful country home, "Alvirne," indicates a happy combination of given names, following a union which merged one more surname into that which is dear to us all. For all of you, but especially for the descendants of the English emigrant of 1638, I thank them for the opportunity to look upon what to us is historic ground; the broad acres that the colony of Massachusetts Bay gave to Joseph Hills as compensation for the first compilation of the colony laws, which passed by his will at his death, in 1688, to his children

of New York and Misses Lowese and Jessie Hills of this city, rendered a most enjoyable musical program and Mrs. Kate G. Pope of Leominster, Mass., several interesting recitations

On the whole the day was a most delightful one to the members of the Hills family and their friends Governor and Mrs. George A. Ramsdell and others were present as invited guests outside the family.

The affair was rendered most delightful by the unbounded hospitality of Dr. and Mrs Hills. Every individual received a personal welcome and was made to feel entirely at home. Upon alighting from their carriages the guests received a silken badge from her fair hand and this they carried away as a souvenir of the occasion. In spite of the large number present a pleasant informality pervaded the reunion, and there was a delightful intermingling of the company Old friendships were renewed and new acquaintances made, and a strong family feeling seemed unconsciously to prevail and to bind all hearts together. Indeed the social and fraternal features of the gathering contributed greatly to its success. Among the people the genial host and his charming wife were everywhere present, contributing to the general enjoyment, and all went away feeling

THE OLD HOMESTEAD.

second wife, and father of the first settlers of this town, was born in Malden, Mass., July, 1652. He received land in this town by will of his father and by purchase, and from him it descended to his sons, Nathaniel, James and Henry.

I am able, through the courtesy of Miss Harriet N. Hills of Newburyport, Mass., to show you a photograph of the grave of Samuel in Newbury, Mass., the stone being now in a good state of preservation, after weathering the elements for 160 years.

James, from whom my branch of the family descended, once lived on this farm and the remains of the cellar of his house can still be seen, just west of the road below yonder gate.

Sarah, wife of Nathaniel, is said to have been the only white female resident of the "Hills' Garrison," and tradition makes record of the great heroism and bravery of this woman, and at least once she saved the garrison from falling into the hands of hostile Indians by her fearless courage and stratagem. She died in 1786, at the age of 102 years

These farms have always been known as "Hills' Farms," and includes what has been called "Hills Row."

History tells us that Capt. John Lovewell and his party spent the first night at "Hills Garrison" en route to Pequawket

The "Hills Farms meeting house" standing on the east of the Derry road, just below "Alvirne," was no doubt the first house of worship to be built in this town.

The Hills Farms cemetery, one of the oldest in the town, you will see as you return to the station.

There is no doubt that our ancestors represented fairly the sturdy and patriotic citizenship of that community which was to become the enlightened citizenship of America.

It is to their faithful hands and persistent effort that we owe so much, that we are able at this moment to sit in luxury and view this beautiful landscape, studded as it is with those grand, old mountains in the distance.

I think we cannot appreciate too highly what these noble ancestors have done for us in many ways, and it is our duty at this hour to reflect upon these things and to vouchsafe to them that meed of praise to which they are entitled.

There were no luxuries in those days and it is difficult for us at this day to appreciate what people had to go through. Our ancestors subsisted upon the bare necessities, and that no doubt had to do with their own longevity and helped to build a foundation upon which their progeny could stand with more security as to health and happiness.

So far as I can discover the members of the Hills family have not only been frugal but they have been temperate in all things. It has been said that no member of the family has ever become an inebriate or a pauper, and I hope the statement is true.

I believe that as a class our ancestors must have recognized that divine law

and children's children. Three of his grandsons, brothers, settled here and helped to reclaim this part of our country from the wilderness. From the fact that one of them, James, the son of Samuel, took the portion of his father's estate that would come to him, in land which his grandfather had bequeathed, and settled near this spot in 1732, we owe the pleasure of being the guests of his descendants today.

But possibly some are wondering what right the government of Massachusetts had to give away New Hampshire land. The fact that we are a historical as well as a genealogical association justifies me in telling you that when England gave the early charters for her American colonies they were exceedingly indefinite as to the great subdivisions of territory. The first charter for land in New England was granted to Sir Ferdinando Gorges in 1621, and when some seven years later to Governor Winthrop and his associates was given the charter for the colony of Massachusetts bay, fixing its northern line as parallel to, and distant three miles north of the Merrimack; it was claimed by those who held under the earlier grant, that the later instrument could not give jurisdiction north of the point where the boundary line as determined by the grant to Gorges crossed that river; while those who upheld the Winthrop charter insisted that the boundary line described in the first grant was not precise while that in the second was specific and clear, and so Massachusetts claimed all the territory in New Hampshire south of the Merrimack river to its source in Lake Winnipesaukee, and I am not sure that even the lake itself was not included before the Boston elders would admit that the line should go due west far into what is now the state of New York. New Hampshire was willing to concede a line considerably north of the spot where we are now gathered. For years the contention went on, until perhaps for the same reason that a Dutch justice of the peace of a neighboring state refused to decide a controversy that had been brought before him for adjudication, because he had to admit as to both of the contestants that each had proved his case; the King of England arbitrarily settled the quarrel and, with an utter disregard of legal rights as was shown by the lesser magistrate, not only refused to recognize the claims of Massachusetts but gave to New Hampshire many square miles of territory she never claimed. The decision must have sorely tried the temper of the Puritan Commonwealth, but none of her children today would ask to have it reversed. Side by side the two states have grown together. Their sister states and the world behold them prosperous, well educated, well governed communities,

that the second reunion of the Hills' family had been a notable success and expressing their warm thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Alfred K. Hills who had made the occasion possible, and looking forward to similar reunions in future years.

Guests at Alvirne.

Dr and Mrs. Alfred K. Hills, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hills, South Boston; Mrs. Bertha Hills Marshall, Beverly; Miss Harriet N. Hills, Newburyport; Edwin M. Hills, Taunton, Mass; Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Hills, Newton, Mass; Mrs. Abbie Hills Holbrooke, Newton, Mass.; Mrs. Caroline Hills Leeds, Newton, Mass.; Miss Emiline A. Davis, Boston, Mass.; Lady Anna von Ridingsvard, Boston, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hills, Nashua, N. H.; Wm. Nathaniel Hills, Boston, Mass.; Thomas A. Hills, Leominster, Mass.; Ethel E. Hills, Leominster, Mass.; Josephine A. Hills, Leominster, Mass.; Henry R. Smith, Leominster, Mass.; Mary Hills Smith, Leominster, Mass.; Ellen Hills Knapp, Leominster, Mass.; Mrs. Kate G. Pope, Leominster, Mass.; Justin E. Hills, Nashua, N. H.; Mrs. Charles Hills, Nashua, N. H.; Dr. and Mrs. Arthur T. Hills, New York; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Hills, Boston, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Hazen M. Chase, Haverhill, Mass.; Mrs. Wm. Hale, Haverhill, Mass.; Mrs. B. F. Hall, Haverhill, Mass.; Miss Ethel Hills, Keene, N. H.; Miss Alice B. Reicheider, Keene, N. H.; Mrs. Esther Dickinson, Hinsdale, N. H.; William Sanford Hills, Boston, Mass.; Walter F. Sargent, Nashua, N. H.; Nancy C. Hills, Hudson, N. H.; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred M. Hills, Nashua, N. H.; Mrs. Horace Hills Carley, Nashua, N. H.; Dr. Isaac Hills, Belfast, Me.; Miss Maria D. Hills, Taunton, Mass; Franklin A. Hills, Hudson, N. H.; Luella E. Hills, Hudson, N. H.; Helen M. Hills, Hudson, N. H.; Celia L. Morton, Wakefield; Mrs. Prescott A. Adams, Arlington, Mass.; Anne A. Hills, Columbus, O.; Lida Hills, Nashua, N. H.; Mabel E. Sargent, Nashua, N. H.; Mary A. Frost, Nashua, N. H.; Louise B. Hills, Nashua, N. H.; Jessie C. Hills, Nashua, N. H.; Mr. and Mrs. George P. Hills, Nashua, N. H.; Mrs. C. A. Hills Abbott, Winter Park, Fla.; Mrs. F. L. Haynes, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Hills, Columbus, O.; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Hills, Lowell, Mass.; Mrs. Mary Hills Hayward, Keene, N. H.; Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Hills, Davenport, Ia.; Fred B. Hills, Leominster, Mass.; Mrs. M. A. W. Hills, Leominster, Mass.; Miss J. A. Hills, Leominster, Mass.; Miss Clarissa Hills, Nashua, N. H.; Mr. and Mrs. George A. Wason, [illegible] N. H.; Mrs. [illegible] Parker, [illegible] Mass.; Mrs. Martha Pollard, Hudson, N. H.; Miss M. E. Pollard, Hudson, N. H.; Mrs. Louther Pollard, Charlestown; Rel Hills, Pelham, N. H.; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hills, Hollis, N. H.

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Gift of E. M. Hills, [illegible], Mass. [illegible]

HILLS FAMILY

Genealogical and Historical Association.

(Incorporated under the Laws of Massachusetts, July 6, 1894.)

REPORT

OF THE

Third Reunion of the Association,

Point of Pines, Revere, Mass.,

July 28, 1899.

Under the auspices of the Hills Family Genealogical and Historical Association, the Hills Family held an enjoyale re-union at Point of Pines, near Boston, on Friday, July 28, 1899.

The special committee of arrangements were Joel Edward Hills, of Newton, William Nathaniel Hills, of Dorchester, and Alfred Kimball Hills, M. D., of New York City. Nearly one hundred guests were present who were either connected with the family by marriage or were direct descendants of one of the following English emigrants, namely: William Hills, who came to New England in 1632, located at Roxbury, Mass., and in 1636 removed to Hartford, Conn.; Joseph Hills, who came in the ship Susan and Ellen, in 1638, settled at Mystic Side, Charlestown, now Malden, Mass., and another Joseph Hills who came to Boston in 1807.

The President, Thomas Hills, a descendant of the latter, and for many years the chief assessor of the city of Boston, called the meeting to order and in a brief address welcomed all to the happy occasion. He commented favorably upon the work

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already accomplished by our agent in England, predicting that further investigation will ultimately establish the claim that all branches of the *Hills name* are of Kentish origin. The President also read an historical extract, furnished by Miss Harriet N. Hills, descriptive of the Great Burstead, parish church of Billericy, England, which is of historic interest to the family.

The Secretary, Edwin Miles Hills, of Taunton, Mass., who is of the Franklin branch of the family, read several letters from absent but interested members. The following persons participated in the exercises: William Sanford Hills, of Boston, who is of the Wrentham, Franklin line and one of the fathers of this corporation, Alfred K. Hills, M. D., of New York, Henry H. Hills, of Davenport Iowa, Madam Von Rydingsvard of Boston, and Richard Hills, Treasurer of the Association.

F. Augustus Hills, of Hudson, N. H., displayed several interesting old letters and deeds.

The pamphlet recently issued, entitled "Joseph Hills and the Massachusetts Laws of 1648," by Deloraine P. Corey, received well deserved commendation. This pamphlet has been generously distributed by Mr. William Sanford Hills, as a personal gift to Hills families, Public Libraries and Historical Societies throughout the United States.

Mrs. Mary C. Hills, of El Passo, Texas, widow of the late William Smith Hills, was constituted an Honorary member of the corporation, she having rendered distinguished services.

The meeting finally adjourned to the Banquet Hall, where a feast ensued. The sociabilities of the day were most cordial. The committee in charge provided all with a red satin badge appropriately inscribed. The company separated at about 4 P. M.

The Hills family is not as large as many others, yet the name is to be found in nearly all the States of the Union, and in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Connecticut, Hills families are quite numerous. Those who reside in Connecticut are mostly decendants of William Hills, the first emigrant of the name. We have thus far been unable to identify his birth place. He was however one of the founders of Hartford, Conn., was constable of that town for many years, and was a man of great energy and ability. He died in 1683.

The Hills families of Massachusetts, and also those of Maine, and New Hampshire, are nearly all decendants of the previously mentioned Joseph Hills, the emigrant of 1638. He was baptized at Great Burstead, parish church, Billeriacy, Essex

County, England, March 5, 1602. He became distinguished in the days of the old Massachusetts Bay Colony, was speaker of the Colonial House of Deputies in 1647, and in 1648 "he prepared and perfected the first body of laws established by authority in New England." In recognition of this and other public services he received from the General Court a special grant of five hundred acres of land, situated in the vicinity of what is now Hudson, N. H. He died at Newbury, Mass., Feb. 5, 1688.

At the present time there is a large branch of the family at Leominster, Mass., and another at Franklin, Mass. The first named branch was established more than a hundred and fifty years ago by Smith Hills, grandson of Joseph Hills, Senior, who removed from Newbury and settled in Leominster, where his descendants are numerous and from them this association has received, through Mr. and Mrs. William Smith Hills, valuable records, the original account book of Joseph Hills, which has withstood the wear and tear of nearly three hundred years, and the genealogical data collected by Mrs. Francis Hills Drake.

The Franklin familes, are through Jabez Hills, who went from Malden to Wrentham, Mass., where he settled some time previous to 1724, and became the progenitor of the Hills families in Wrentham and Franklin.

Among a large family of children he had two sons, Jabez and Joseph; the former removed from Wrentham, when a young man. Several of his descendants are now living. Joseph responded to the Military call at the battle of Lexington, entered the Continental Army, was promoted to captain and served under Washington, at the siege of Boston. After the war he returned to his old home in Wrentham, which was soon included in the then new town of Franklin, where many of his decendants are now living.

The genealogical line of the Franklin familes, from Old England, is: George, married Mary Simon, 1596; Joseph, born 1602; Joseph Jr., born 1629; all in England. Samuel, born 1665, at Malden, Mass.; Jabez, born 1699, at Malden, removed to Wrentham, and Capt. Joseph, born 1730, a revolutionary soldier of Franklin, and builder of the old Hills house in about 1760, on land once the property of the elder Jabez Hills. It is still owned and occupied by his decendants.

EDWIN M. HILLS, Secretary.

Taunton, Oct. 1, 1899.

The following persons were present and registered at the Reunion, July 28, 1899:

From Massachusetts.—Thomas Hills, South Boston, William Sanford Hills, Boston, Richard Hills, Boston, William Nathaniel Hills, Boston, Miss Harriet N. Hills, Newburyport, Edwin M. Hills, Taunton, Miss Maria D Hills, Taunton, Joseph G. Hills, Franklin, Lady Anna Von Rydingsvard, Boston, Mrs Abby Hills Holbrook, Newton, Miss Marion F. Holbrook, Newton, Walter H. Holbrook, Boston, Mrs. Thomas Hills, South Boston, Rev. Harold Marshall, Swampscot, Mrs. Bertha Hills Marshall, Swampscot, Miss Harriet M. Dickman, Malden, Miss Eliza M. Gill, Medford, Miss Adaline Gill, Medford, Mrs. Laura H. Burnett, Chelsea, George H. Hills, Chelsea, Mrs. Walter Farnum, Ipswich, Mr. and Mrs. Albert P. Hills, Ipswich, Mrs. Mary S. Newton, Boston, Miss Emeline A. Davis, Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Hazen M. Chase, Haverhill, Mrs. Harriet S. Hale, Haverhill, Mrs. B. F. Hall, Haverhill, Elizabeth M. Hills, Dorchester, Mrs. Charles E. Maxwell, Boston, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Savage, West Somerville, Henry R. Smith, Esq., Leominster, Mrs. Ellen F. Knapp, Leominster, Leon Hills Smith, Leominster, M. A. W. Hills, Leominster, Fred B. Hills, Leominster, William F. Hills, Lowell, Mrs. Adelaide Baron Hills, Lowell, Mrs. Anna Sargent, Lowell, Charles L Newhall, Southbridge, Mrs. Julia E. Clapp, Roxbury, Mrs. Charles A. Hills, Lynn, Charles M. Hills (2 years of age), Lynn, Miss Nellie F. Hills, Allston. Mrs. Thomas G. Bank, Watertown, Mrs. Edgar R. Hills, West Newton, E. A. Perkins, Quincy, Levi L. Hawes, Somerville, Mrs. Mary D. Hawes, Somerville, Leigh Hawes, Somerville, Charlotte Hills, West Boylston.

From New Hampshire.—Dr. and Mrs. Alfred K. Hills, (of Alvirne), Hudson, Mary L. Hills, Nashua, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hills, Nashua, Justin E. Hills, Nashua, Miss Laura B. Hills, Nashua, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred M. Hills, Nashua, Franklin Augustus Hills, Hudson, Miss Clarissa Hills, Nashua, William Henry Hills, Esq., Plaistow, Caroline P. Hills, Plaistow, Mrs. Anna F. Fuller, Plaistow. Lucian D. Fuller, Plaistow, James L. Hills, Plaistow, Horace M. Hills, Plaistow, Mrs. Mary Hills Hayward, Keene, Mrs. Alice Hayward Batchelder, Keene.

From Maine.—Warren Hills, Union, Dr. Isaac Hills, Belfast. Mrs. P. M. Blake, Bangor.

Mr. Perry Hills, Thomaston, Conn.; Dr. James H. Carmichael, New York city; Henry A. Hills, Esq., Davenport, Iowa; Mrs. Henry A. Hills, Davenport, Iowa; Miss Harriet A. Hills, Cleveland, Ohio.

HILLS FAMILY REUNION NOTES.

The Franklin branch of the Hills Family held Reunions on September 7, 1891, August 22, 1892, and August 22, 1893, at the old Captain Joseph Hills homestead, the present residence of Joseph G. Hills, Franklin, Mass. Edwin M. Hills and Edwin H. Holbrook, Committee.

Hills Families of the State of Maine have, for several years, held annual reunions at Union, Maine. Warren Hills, Secretary.

Reunions of the Hills Family Genealogical and Historical Association have been held as follows: First Reunion, August 22, 1895, at Downer Landing, Boston Harbor, Mass. Second Reunion, July 31, 1897, at Alvirne, Hudson, N. H., the summer residence of Alfred K. Hills, M. D., who generously entertained as guests the members of the Association. Third Reunion, July 28, 1899, at Point of Pines, Revere Beach, Mass., as herein described.

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Supplementary Record

CONNECTING WITH

THE

Hills Family in America:

THE REFERENCE NUMBERS ARE THOSE
OF THAT BOOK.

COMPILED
BY
THOMAS HILLS,
EDITOR OF
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FAMILY GENEALOGY.

1908.

INTRODUCTION.

In the report of the directors of the family association of June 1906 a hope was expressed that there would "still be interest enough in the family research to hold a membership that will maintain our organization and continue our annual reports". With the expectation that it would for an indefinite period have an active existence, from belated returns and other material, genealogical information available for the then current year was added to the report. But before another was printed it was evident that the hope of an active membership could not be realized and the report of June 1907 recited that some of the leading members of the association considered its work as finished and the diminished receipts from membership dues indicated that such an existence as had been contemplated could not be maintained. At the date of the last named report the genealogy of the family had been in the possession of its members and upon the shelves of many public and private libraries for more than a year, and its compiler and editor desired that all errors that had been discovered should be corrected and all new matter that could be added to their work should become a part of it before their connection with it was closed.

They therefore asked that a call be made not only on all who were or had been members of the association but also on all who had purchased the book to report to its editor during the remainder of the then current year "corrections of all errors found to exist in that work; also to report the names of those who were entitled to be in its record, but were omitted, with such genealogical data as it is possible to connect with them; and also to give the changes that have come since the publication of the family history by births, marriages or deaths in the families of those recorded in it". Blanks designed to facilitate the accomplishment of this purpose were prepared and sent with the annual report of the association. The information in the returns received, added to that contained in the "Genealogical Bulletin" of 1906 or gathered by the editor from other sources appears upon the following pages.

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4 Joseph^2, (William^1.) dau. Margaret (31) b. Jan. 8, 1724. Should be Jan. 8, 1714.

11 Margaret^3 (Joseph^2, William^1). See 4.

66 Hannah^4 (Joseph^3, William^2, William^1) N. E. H. and G. Register, Vol. 15, page 298 has among other records of Wethersfield, Conn. that of the marriage Nov. 9, 1754 of Pelatiah Buck Jr., and Hannah Hills and the birth of their dau. Lydia, Sept. 15, 1755. All the early Hills born Hannahs of the Connecticut branch known to the compiler were married, except this dau. of Joseph, who was born about 1726 and Hannah (50) dau. of Ebenezer who was b. about 1715.

95 John^4 (John^3, Joseph^2, William^1) married Mindwell, dau. of Daniel Wright Jr. and Eunice Loomis. She was a descendant of Joseph Loomis, early settler of Windsor, and of Thomas Wright, early at Wethersfield, Conn. Mindwell (Wright) Hills was not born in England, but on Wright's Island in the Connecticut River.

105 Oliver^4, (Benjamin^3, Benjamin^2, William^1) had son Oliver. See 255½.

106 John^4, (Benjamin^3, Benjamin^2, William^1) married Anna, dau. of Sergeant Jonah and Anna (Skinner) Loomis of Tolland, Tolland Co. Conn. She was b. East Windsor, Conn., Oct. 5, 1734, and d. in that town. She was of the third generation from the emigrant Nathaniel Loomis, b. England in 1626.

206 Joseph^5, (Benjamin^4, Joseph^3, Joseph^2, William^1.) From information gained from a descendant, Mr. L. C. Hills of Ansonia, Conn., the compiler makes the following record : b. Glastonbury, Hartford Co., Conn. about 1759; d. Mosiertown, Crawford Co., Penn. about 1849. "He was buried in the old burying ground of that place". In 1828 he was of Fabius, Onondaga Co., N. Y., about 1832 as a member of the family

of his son Obed he returned to Geneseo, Livington Co. N. Y. of which place he was a resident as early as 1811. Still connected with his son's family he left that place and was last a resident of Crawford Co., Penn. From the statements of his children it appears that he was four times married. The first and second wives were probably of Conn., the third whose maiden name was Soper, d. in Geneseo in Nov. 1811 and Polly, the fourth wife "in western New York" about 1832. He appears to have been a man of more than ordinary intelligence, and there is a tradition in the family that for a time he taught school. In a letter from Rev. Oliver C. Hills (964 of Gen.) whose father was a first cousin of his son Oliver Soper Hills, this Joseph is described as a "noble man". He was of the Army of the Revolution from Aug. 11, 1777 to July 29, 1779 and from Jan. 1, 1780 to Dec. 31, 1780. (Conn. men in Rev. p. 293; Mass. men in Rev. p. 83, Senate papers, State N. Y.; Act Congress, 1828; Bureau of Pensions, Service file No. 47,276).

Known children :

Hannah (472 Gen.) bapt. Eastbury, Conn. July 10, 1788; d. New Rochelle, N. Y., m. Enos Alvord. (See 4551 Gen.)

Martha (473 Gen.) bapt. Eastbury, Conn., July 10, 1788; d.——; m. Philip Scullens, of Crawford Co., Penn.

Joseph, (474 Gen.) bapt. Eastbury, Conn., July 29, 1789; d.—

Obed (475 Gen.) b. Eastbury, Conn. April 15, 1792; was of western N. Y.; Crawford Co., Penn.; d. Genesee Co., Mich.

Julia (4552 Gen.) b.——

James (4553 Gen.) b.——

Brutus (4555 Gen.) b.——

Oliver Soper (4556 Gen.) b. Geneseo, N. Y., Nov. 26, 1811; d. Torrington, Conn., May 25, 1884; m. Mary Ann Clark.

Roxa, b. Fabius, N. Y., ——; m. Joseph T. Webster, who was b. Mar. 1, 1819, (Strong Gen. p. 445.)

218 HEWITT^5, (Col. Medad^4, Benoni^3, Joseph^2, William^1) Mrs. Elizabeth Flint Wade of Buffalo, N. Y. sent the compiler data which was taken from Huit Hills' Bible which bears the inscription,. "Huit Hills, His Bible. Given him by his mama in the year 1789.' Below is written 'Lovicy Wade, her Bible.' On the leaf between the old and new Testaments is the family record. Notice that it gives only eleven children, while in the list in the genealogy there appear thirteen. But between the names of the last two children was a name and part of a date illegible—1796. * * The Bible

also gives the maiden name of Huit Hills' wife, Elizabeth Smith. In transcribing the record the names are spelled exactly as written.

Huit Hills, born August 31, 1753.
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Huit Hills, died in Vernon, N. Y., February 28, 1821.

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Elisha Hills,	"	Feb.	13. 1787.
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——— ———		Died in infancy.	
Huit Hills,	"	Nov.	23. 1798.

Levi Hills, died Oct. the 2nd, 1788, in his fourth year."

242 Honor^5, (John^4, John^3, Joseph^2, William^1) married, 2nd, George Goodrich.

244 Samuel^5, (John^4, John^3, Joseph^2, William^1) married, 2nd, Alpha, dau. of Adna Gillette.

255½ Oliver^5, (Oliver^4, Benjamin^3, Benjamin^2, William^1) From Leon Clark Hills (4571 of the Gen.) the compiler has recieved the following data: Oliver^5 Hills was of Capt. Charles Ellsworth's Co. at the Lexington Alarm of April 1775. In January 1776 he was of Capt. John Simons' Co., in the Regiment commanded by Col. Erastus Walcott of East Windsor, Conn. This Regiment was a part of the force that occupied Boston after the evacuation of that town by the British troops, March 17, 1776. In the summer of that year he was of Capt. Erastus Walcott's Co. serving in New York. In 1779 he was of Capt. Ichabod Wadsworth's Co., and that officer in a certificate dated April 1781 stated that Oliver Hills and his brother Benoni had enlisted for three years. At the time of his enlistment in 1779 the record reads, Private, 22 years old: stature 5 ft. 7 in.; complexion light; hair brown or light: occupation mariner; birth place, East Windsor, Conn.

256 Eleazur^5, (Oliver^4 Benjamin^3, Benjamin^2, William^1) In 1805 Eleazur Hills was living in Springfield, Otsego Co. N. Y.; he subsequently removed to Ripley, Chautauqua Co. in that State, where he d. in 1845. He had six children. Benjamin, Christopher, Robert, Sydney, Caroline (Wells), Jane (Hayden).

266 ELIZUR^5, (John^4, Benjamin^3, Benjamin^2, William^1) He married Abigail, dau. of George and Sarah or Sally (Thayer) Codding.

269 LUCY^5, (John^4, Benjamin^3, Benjamin^2, William^1) b. East Windsor, Conn., June 22, 1773; married Joseph Walcott, b. E. Windsor, March 25, 1775; d. Granger, Medina Co., Ohio, May 8, 1866.

Children:

I. Lucy, b.—— d.—— married Calvin Putnam.
II. Sophia, " " " Cyrus Briggs.
III. Elizur, b.—— d. Granger, Sept. 25, 1877; m. Susan —
IV. Anna, b. Middlesex, Washington Co., Vt., Oct. 6, 1803; d.—— married March 13, 1823, John, son of Samuel and Hannah (Holt) McCloud, b.—— New Hampshire, d. Granger.
V. Simon Peter, b. Middlesex, Washington Co., Vt., Sept. 25, 1804, d. Granger, April 5, 1888, married Nancy Wilder, dau. of Burt and Betsey (Trafton) Codding, b. Bristol, Ontario Co., N. Y., Feb. 13, 1814; d. Granger, April 27, 1876.
VI. Patty, b.—— d.—— married Hiram Wise.
VII. Pamelia, b. Middlesex, Washington Co., Vt., Oct. 24, 1813; d. Sharon, Medina Co., Ohio, April 14, 1881; married Dec. 25, 1834, Seth, son of Nathaniel and Louisa (Low) Goodwin, b. April 11, 1811; d. Sharon, Nov. 24, 1878.

433 ADINO^6, (Samuel^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, John^2, William^1.) b. East Hampton, Middlesex Co., Conn., August 20, 1770; married Chloe Lord.

Children of Adino and Chloe (Lord) Hills:

433A. Anson, b.—— 1805; m. Nancy Lester.
433B. Elisha, b. Conajoharie, N. Y., June 11, 1807; m. Caroline Wart.
433C. Betsey, b. " " —— 1810; d. ——
433D. Norman, b. " " May 1, 1812; m. Lucy A. Backus.
433E. Charles R. b. " " Dec. 2, 1814; m. Sarah A. Backus.
433F. Susan, b. " " —— 1818; m. —— Coon.

433 A ANSON^7, (Adino^6, Samuel^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, John^2, William^1.) b. prob. at Conajoharie, Montgomery Co., N. Y., 1805; d. New York State; m. Nancy Lester. Nothing further known.

433 B ELISHA^7, (No. 4999 Hills Genealogy.) Adino^6, Samuel^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, John^2, William^1.
b. Conajoharie, Montgomery Co., N. Y., June 11, 1807; d. Fulton, Bourbon Co., Kansas, March 19, 1896; m. Eagle, Alleghany Co., N. Y., Jan. 1, 1832, Caroline Wart, b. Conajoharie, May 26, 1812, d. Fulton, Dec. 31, 1882. The family removed to Sycamore, DeKalb Co., Ill., 1840, and to Kansas, July 1, 1860.

Children of Elisha and Caroline (Wart) Hills:

433B. I. Jacob, b. Eagle N. Y., Nov. 13, 1832; unmarried.
433B. II. Louisa, b. " " July 26, 1834; m. Timothy Hackett.
433B. III. Harriet, b. " " Aug. 8, 1836; m. Silas Tooley.
433B. IV. Adino, b. " " " 3, 1838; m. Susan Dixon.
433B. V. Artemissa, b. Sycamore, Ill., Mar. 5, 1844; m. Wm. J. Stone.
433B. VI. Arilla, b. " " — 1846; d. 1870.
433B. VII. Elisha, b. " " — 1848; d. 1862.

433 C BETSEY^7, (Adino^6, Samuel^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, John^2, William^1) b. Conajoharie, Montgomery Co., N. Y., — 1810; d. —. Nothing further known.

433 D NORMAN^7, (Adino^6, Samuel^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, John^2, William^1.) b. Conajahorie, Montgomery Co., N. Y., May 1, 1812; d. Vicksburg, Kalamazoo Co., Mich., May — 1881; m. Nottawa, St. Joseph Co., Mich., Oct. 4, 1839, Lucy A. Backus, b. Genesee Co., N. Y., May 13, 1819; d. Vicksburg, Sept. 15, 1893.

Children of Norman and Lucy A. (Backus) Hills:

433D. I. Malcom, b. Nottawa, Mich., Jan. 2, 1841; m. Alleta Earl.
433D. II. Julia, b. Brady, " June 5, 1843; m. Austin Martin.
433D. III. Lucy, b. " " April 30, 1845.
433D. IV. Manfred, b. " " March 20, 1847.
433D. V. Motham, b. " " March 26, 1849; m. Jane Riley.

433 E CHARLES R.^{7}, (Adino^6, Samuel^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, John^2, William^1.) b. at Conajoharie, Montgomery Co., N. Y., or as his daughter Harriet writes, in Alleghany Co., N.Y., Dec. 2, 1814; d. Fillmore Co., Minn., — 1899; married Genesee Co., N. Y., Oct. 27, 1838, Sarah A. Backus, b. Genesee Co., April 1, 1821; d. Fillmore Co., March 2, 1878.

Children of Charles R. and Sarah A. (Backus) Hills.

433E. I. Manfred, b. St. Joseph Co., Mich., Aug. 1840.
433E. II. Homer, b. " " Aug. 12, 1842; m. Gusta Arneson.
433E. III. Jane, b. " " June 2, 1845; m. Jay C. Horsford.
433E. IV. Harriet, b. " " April — 1847; m. John Craig.

433E. v. Emma, b. St. Joseph Co., Mich., May 18, 1850.
433E. vi. Charles R. b. " " —— 1853; d. aged 5 months.
433E. vii. Webster, b. Fillmore, Minn., —— 1857; m. Lois Haskins.
433E. viii. Washington, b. " " —— 1859; m. Josephine Andrews

433 F Susan^{7}, (Adino^{6}, Samuel^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Samuel^{3}, John^{2}, William^{1}.) b. either in Montgomery Co., or Alleghany Co., N. Y., — 1818; married —— Coon. Nothing further known.

433. B. i. Jacob^{8}, (Elisha^{7}, Adino^{6}, Samuel^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Samuel^{3}, John^{2}, William^{1}.) b. Eagle, Alleghany Co., N. Y., Nov. 13, 1832; d. Sycamore, DeKalb Co., Ill., 1854; unmarried.

433. B. ii. Louisa^{8}, (Elisha^{7}, Adino^{6}, Samuel^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Samuel^{3}, John^{2}, William^{1}.) b. Eagle, Alleghany Co., N. Y., July 26, 1834; d. Fulton, Bourbon Co., Kansas, 1872; married, Fulton, Timothy Hackett. One child, Susan, married, lives Prescott, Linn Co., Kansas.

433 B iii. Harriet^{8}, (Elisha^{7}, Adino^{6}, Samuel^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Samuel^{3}, John^{2}, William^{1}.) b. Eagle, Alleghany Co., N. Y., Aug. 8, 1836; married Sycamore, DeKalb Co., Ill., Sept. 6, 1857, Silas Tooley, b. New York State; d. Watervliet, Berrien Co., Mich., Jan. 5, 1899. Mrs. Tooley, resides (Nov. 1905) at Watervliet.

Children of Harriet (Hills) and Silas Tooley:

433 B. i. Ella, b. Sycamore, June 10, 1858; d. Watervliet, Feb. 18, 1871.
433 B. ii. Caroline, b. Pau Paw, Van Buren Co., Mich., Jan. 22, 1860; m. Watervliet, Sept. 1, 1883, Frank Burbanks.
433 B. iii. Harriet, b. Pau Paw, Mich., Aug. 11, 1862; m. Watervliet, Oct. 3, 1880, Will Hennessey.
433 B. iv. Lida, b. Pau Paw, Mich., April 11, 1865; d. Watervliet, April 11, 1874.
433 B. v. William, b. Mapleton, Bourbon Co., Kansas, April 18, 1867; m. Watervliet, June 9, 1887, Sarah Harrison.
433 B. vi. Silas, b. Watervliet, Mich., Oct. 20, 1871; m. Watervliet, Dec. 31, 1895, Edith Smith.
433 B. vii. Nettie, b. Watervliet, Mich., Jan. 24, 1873; m. Watervliet, Feb. 27, 1895, Will Clark; m. 2d, Watervliet, Nov. 27, 1905.

433B. iv. Adino^{8}, (Elisha^{7}, Adino^{6}, Samuel^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Samuel^{3}, John^{2}, William^{1}.) b. Eagle, Alleghany Co., N. Y., Aug. 3, 1838; d. Fulton, Bourbon Co., Kansas, Nov. 29, 1895; married Mapleton, Bourbon Co., Sept. 24, 1865, Susan Dixon, b. Springfield, Sangamon Co., Ill., Dec. 18, 1845. Resides (1906) Fulton.

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Children of Adino and Susan (Dixon) Hills:

433 B. IV. (a) Hattie, b. Fort Lincoln, Kansas, June 25, 1866; m. G. E. Friedley.
433 B. IV. (b) Frank D., b. " " " May 7, 1869.
433 B. IV. (c) Minta, b. " " " Oct. 6, 1875; m. Thomas Pickford.

433 B. V. Artemissa^{8}, (Elisha^{7}, Adino^{6}, Samuel^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Samuel^{3}, John^{2}, William^{1}.) b. Sycamore, DeKalb Co., Ill., March 5, 1844; d. Fort Scott, Bourbon Co., Kansas, — — 1904; married about 1866, William J. Stone, of Bourbon Co., who died Fulton in that Co., about 1900.

Children of Artemissa (Hills) and William J. Stone:

I. Caroline, married Homer Prichard.
II. Evangeline, " Alva Reitzel.
III. Timothy,
IV. Joseph, " Bessie Morrison; 2d, Mamie Endfield.
V. Belle, " Dr. A. J. Ward.

433 B. VI. Akilla^{8}, (Elisha^{7}, Adino^{6}, Samuel^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Samuel^{3}, John^{2}, William^{1}.) b. Sycamore, DeKalb Co., Ill., — 1846; d. — 1870.

433 B. VII. Elisha^{8}, (Elisha^{7}, Adino^{6}, Samuel^{5}. Samuel^{4}, Samuel^{3}, John^{2}, William^{1},) b. Sycamore, DeKalb Co., Ill., — 1848; d. — 1862.

433 D. I. Malcom^{8}. (Norman^{7}, Adino^{6}, Samuel^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Samuel^{3}, John^{2}, William^{1}.) b. Nottawa, St. Joseph Co., Mich., Jan. 2, 1841; d. Fulton, Kalamazoo Co., Mich., March 26, 1897; married, Pavillion. Kalamazoo Co., Oct. — 1874, Alletta Earl.

433 D. II. Julia^{8}, (Norman^{7}, Adino^{6}, Samuel^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Samuel^{3}, John^{2}, William^{1}.) b. Brady, Kalamazoo Co., Mich., June 5, 1843; married Vicksburg, Kalamazoo Co., Dec. 20, 1868, Austin Martin, who died, Reno, Leavenworth Co., Kansas, July 17, 1868. Mrs. Martin resides (1906) in Vicksburg.

433 D. III. Lucy^{8}, (Norman^{7}, Adino^{6}, Samuel^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Samuel^{3}, John^{2}, William^{1}.) b. Brady, Kalamazoo Co., Mich., April 30, 1845. Nothing further reported.

433 D. IV. Manfred^{8}, (Norman^{7}, Adino^{6}, Samuel^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Samuel^{3}, John^{2}, William^{1}) b. Brady, Kalamazoo Co., Mich.. March 20, 1847. Nothing further reported.

433 D. v. Motham^8, (Norman^7, Adino^6, Samuel^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, John^2, William^1.) b. Brady, Kalamazoo Co., Mich., March 26, 1849: married, Grand Rapids, Mich., July 4, 1875, Jane Riley, b. Pavillion, Kalamazoo Co., June 30, 1851; d. April 26, 1903.

433 E. i. Manfred^8, (Charles R.^{7}, Adino^6, Samuel^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, John ^{2}, William^1.) b. St. Joseph Co., Mich., Aug. — 1840; d. aged two months.

433 E. ii. Homer^8, (Charles R^7, Adino^6, Samuel^5. Samuel^4. Samuel^3, John^2, William^1.) b. St. Joseph Co., Mich., Aug. 12, 1842; married — 1885, Gusta Arneson, who died in 1895; 2d, 1897, Katherine Thompson. Residence (1906) Montrose, McCook Co., South Dakota.

433 E. iii. Jane^8, (Charles R.^{7}, Adino^6, Samuel^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, John^2, William^1.) b. St. Joseph Co., Mich., June 2, 1845; d. Howard Co., Iowa, Jan. 30, 1899; married, 1863, Jay C. Horsford, who died 1886.

433 E. iv. Harriet^8, (Charles R.^{7}, Adino^6, Samuel^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, John^2, William^1.) b. St. Joseph Co., Mich., April —, 1847; married, 1876, John Craig, who died 1878; 2d, 1880, Arne T. Arneson, who died 1893. Mrs. Arneson resides (1906) Minnehaha Co., South Dakota.

433 E. v. Emma^8, (Charles R.^{7}, Adino^6, Samuel^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, John^2, William^1.) b. St. Joseph Co., Mich., May 18, 1850; d — 1862.

433 E. vi. Charles R.^{8}, (Charles R.^{7}, Adino^6, Samuel^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, John^2, William^1.) b. St. Joseph Co., Mich., — — 1853; d. aged 5 months.

433 E. vii. Webster^8, (Charles R.^{7}, Adino^6, Samuel^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, John^2, William^1.) b. Fillmore Co., Minn., — — 1857; married, 1888, Lois Haskins. "He is still living on the old homestead in Fillmore Co." in 1906.

433 E. viii. Washington^8, (Charles R.^{7}, Adino^6, Samuel^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, John^2, William^1.) b. Fillmore, Co., Minn., — —, 1859; married, 1882, Josephine Andrews. Resides (1906) McCook Co., South Dakota.

433 B. iv. ^{4} (a) Hattie^9, (Adino^8. Elisha^7, Adino^6, Samuel^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, John^2, William^1.) b. Fort Lincoln, Bourbon Co., June 25, 1866; married, Harding, Bourbon Co., May 13, 1894, G. E. Friedly, b. Rehoboth, Harrison Co., Ind., Dec. 18, 1859. Resides (1906) Winters, Alger Co., Mich.

Mrs. Friedly, to whom the compiler is indebted for much information as to her branch of the family, writes: "Fort Lincoln was a fort on the stage route between Fort Scott and Fort Leavenworth. Our family records bear this address although Fort Lincoln has long since been absorbed by Fulton, Bourbon Co."

Children of Hattie (Hills) and G. E. Friedly:

I. Raymond,	b.	Blue Mound, Linn Co., Kansas,	Feb. 17, 1895.
II. Clarence,	b.	" " " "	June 24, 1896.
	d.	" " " "	Sept. 16, 1896.
III. Francis,	b.	" " " "	Dec. 27, 1897.
IV. John,	b.	Harris, Anderson Co., "	Mar. 24, 1900.

433 B. IV. ^{4} (b) FRANK D.^{9}, (Adino^{8}, Elisha^{7}, Adino^{6}, Samuel^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Samuel^{3}, John^{2}, William^{1}.) b. Fort Lincoln, Bourbon Co., Kansas, May 7, 1869; married, Nevada, Vernon Co., Mo., Sept. 18, 1890, Thankful (Colburn) Dyer of Fort Scott, (her second marriage) b. Camden, Oneida Co., N. Y., May 5, 1851. No children. Resides (1906) Coffeyville, Montgomery Co., Kansas.

433 B. IV. ^{4} (c) MINTA^{9}, (Adino^{8}, Elisha^{7}, Adino^{6}, Samuel^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Samuel^{3}, John^{2}, William^{1}.) b. Fort Lincoln, Bourbon Co., Kansas, Oct. 6, 1875; married, Harding, Bourbon Co., Oct. 11, 1893, Thomas Pickford, b. Stembersville, Carbon Co., Penn., Jan. 25, 1871.

Children of Minta (Hills) and Thomas Pickford:

I. Susan, b. Harding, Nov. 21, 1894.
II. Grace, b. " July 31, 1901.

476 Clarke W. Hills (No. 1391 of Gen.) reports that the Benjamin^{6} whose name carries this number was twice married, and that the children of the first wife were John D., Charles, Clarke, George, Mary, Ann and Cynthia, and that the second wife was also the mother of children.

496 LOUISA, or Lovise. (Record furnished by Mrs. Wade, see 218, this compilation) b. Aug. 21, 1781; d. Sept. 25, 1865; married March 25, 1802, Stephen Wade (Amasa, Stephen, Jacob).

Children:

Tracy, b. July 7, 1802; d. Jan. 14, 1811.
Elizabeth, b. Aug. 14, 1803.
Schuyler, b. June 9, 1806; d. Dec. 25, 1878.
Amasa Hale, b. " 8, 1808; d. Jan. 21, 1809.
Abernethy, b. Jan. 9, 1810.
Tracy Hale, b. April 12, 1814.
Stephen Franklin, b. Oct. 28, 1815.
Virgil Bogue, b. March 15, 1823.

531 HERVEY[6], (Samuel[5], John[4], John[3], Joseph[2], William[1].) b. Oct. 16, 1803; m. Sophia Franklin, who d. May 20, 1880.

536 ALICE[7], dau. of Harriet[6], (Samuel[5], John[4], John[3], Joseph[2], William[1].) b. Nov. 18, 1858; m. June 17, 1885, Rev. Charles S. Mills.

540 EMILY[6], (David[5], John[4], John[3], Joseph[2], William[1].) married East Hampton, Conn., Sept. 24, 1824, Daniel W. L. Tower, who d. aged 60 years. She d. Woodstock, McHenry Co., Ill., in 1892 aged 89. Four sons, eldest d. young, second married and d. Los Angeles, Cal., third, lives in Bangor, Mich., fourth in Chicago.

543 DEBORAH LORD[6], (David[5], John[4], John[3], Joseph[2], William[1].) married William Pease.

544 MARIA LOUISE[6], (David[5], John[4], John[3], Joseph[2], William[1].) married April 28, 1836, George Jackson who d. Nov. 24, 1893 aged 90 years. They had ten children, eight sons—three of whom were in the Union Army in the Civil War. One killed at the battle of Chickamauga—one son and two daus. living 1907.

545 BENJAMIN ACKLEY[6], (David[5], John[4], John[3], Joseph[2], William[1].) married, 2d, Jane M. Frisbey, of Hebron, Tolland Co., Conn., his dau. Helen M., married E. J. White.

547 MARY A.[6], (David[5], John[4], John[3], Joseph[2], William[1].) b. Chatham, Conn., May 22, 1810; d. Nov. 7, 1889. Married May 18, 1834, Laben Lamb who d. Nov. 15, 1834; m. 2d, Feb. 14, 1843, George Cullums.

Children:

i. John, b. S. Hampton, Conn., Dec. 4, 1834; resides 1907, Westfield, Conn.
ii. William Norris, b. Dec 4, 1844; killed in battle Sept. 17, 1862.
iii. Henry Seymour, b. June 5, 1846; m. Mary Allen of Bloomfield, Conn.
iv. Selden Jewett, b. Nov. 20, 1847; resides 1907 Soldiers' Home, Norton, Conn.
v. Charles White, b. April 2, 1850; ——.
vi. Francis Alonzo, b. July 21, 1852; resides 1907, E. Hampton, Conn.

548 JANE AMANDA[6], (David[5], John[4], John[3], Joseph[2], William[1],) married Edwin Weir of East Glastonbury, Conn., both d. at that place; their son Anson, b. E. Glastonbury, married Christie Billings of South Glastonbury. They had two sons who d. in infancy.

549 Susan Augusta^{6}, (David^{5}, John^{4}, John^{3}, Joseph^{2}, William^{1}.) married William Miner, and had Charlie, b. ——; d. ——, Mary, b.——; married Herbert House, lives E. Hartford, Conn. 1907.

572 Erastus^{6}, (Erastus^{5}, John^{4}, Benjamin^{3}, Benjamin^{2}, William^{1}.) married Richmond, Ontario Co., N. Y., Rosina Short. Had seven children, four sons, the eldest child was b. 1827, the youngest 1842. The first to die was 62 years old, none married—all lived in the old homestead, Geneseo, N. Y.

581 See 1130 of this compilation.

590 Abigail^{6}, (Elizur^{5}, John^{4}, Benjamin^{3}, Benjamin^{2}, William^{1}.) married Nov. 1819; d. Sharon, Medina Co., Ohio. Her son Stephen Benjamin Woodward was b. Oct. 26, 1820.

596 Sally Thayer^{6}, (Elizur^{5}, John^{4}, Benjamin^{3}, Benjamin^{2}, William^{1}.) d. Lafayette, Medina Co., Ohio. Married William Paull, Nov. 22, 1828. Her second child Chester Albertus, d. Feb. 1, 1862. Her fifth child George Marshall, b. June 2, 1837.

600 Dr. Stacy^{6}, (Elizur^{5}, John^{4}, Benjamin^{3}, Benjamin^{2}, William^{1}.) married Naomi Gooding Hatch. His eldest son, Col. Elbridge R. Hills, U. S. A. (1153), married Mary T. Fleming. His third child was named Lelia N., she married Wm. Barker.

1021 Henry Augustus^{7}, (Leander^{6}, Elisha^{5}, Seth^{4}, Benoni^{3}, Joseph^{2}, William^{1}.) Rev. Leon C. Hills of Cheyenne, Wyoming, under date of April 20, 1908, writes "My father Henry Augustus Hills, born Nunda, Livingston Co., N. Y., Feb. 1, 1834, married Mary Corning; from this union there were four children:

Phebe Juliet, married J. Hagenbuck.
Leander Corning (which is myself) b. Nov. 2, 1874.
Carrie, married H. Tolle.
Louis B., b. March 8, 1880. All at Highland [Doniphan Co.] Kansas". He adds that he has no knowledge of the Henry A. Hills who married Elizabeth E. Ainsworth.

1031 Julia B.^{7}, (Lewis^{6}, Samuel^{5}, John^{4}, John^{3}, Joseph^{2}, William^{1}.)
Strike out Santa Barbara in 3d line and insert Los Angeles, see 1483-1484 of this compilation.

1034 Harvey E.^{7}, (Lewis^{6}, Samuel^{5}, John^{4}, John^{3}, Joseph^{2}, William^{1}.)
Strike out Santa Barbara in 3d line and insert Los Angeles. see 1483-1484 of this compilation.

1035 LEWIS S.^{7}(Lewis^{6}, Samuel^{5}, John^{4}, John^{3}, Joseph^{2}, William.^{1})
In the name of wife strike out the middle initial letter H. and add at end of sentence, daughter of Robert T. and Maria S. (Haven) Burton.

1046 JOSEPHINE SOPHIA^{7}, (Gilbert^{6}, David^{5}, John^{4}, John^{3}, Joseph^{2}, William^{1}.) add III. Lois Josephine, b. Aug. 22, 1870.

1050 MELISSA B.^{7} (Benjamin A.^{6}, David^{5}, John^{4}, John^{3}, Joseph^{2}, William^{1}.) married Feb. 15, 1856, Flavel Jones, who was born April 7, 1826; d. Oct. 27, 1897.

Children:

I. Dan, b. Hebron, Conn. Nov. 27, 1857; m. Hebron, Nov. 27, 1879, Olive Anna Hoardly.
II. Ben, b. Hebron, Conn., Sept. 24, 1859; m. Hebron, Jan. 15, 1881, Lillian Thompson.
III. Fred, b. Marlborough, Conn., Oct. 13, 1861; m. ——, Dec. 20, 1882, Mary L. Bailey.
IV. Nellie Marion, b. Marlborough, Conn., Mar. 13, 1864.
V. Paul, b. Sept. 13, 1866; m. E. Hampton, May 17, 1899, Angie Thompson.
VI. Joel Archer, b. Marlborough, Conn., Nov. 24, 1868.
VII. Banks Jasper, b. Marlborough, Conn., May 26, 1871.
VIII. Gladys Myra, b. Marlborough, Conn., May 25, 1873.

1051 HELEN M^{7}. (Benjamin A.^{6}, David^{5}, John^{4}, John^{3}, Joseph^{2}, William^{1}.) married Edward J. White, see 545 of this compilation.

1057 ALFRED C.^{7}, (Benjamin A.^{6}, David^{5}, John^{4}, John^{3}, Joseph^{2}, William^{1}.) married Emeline K. Caldwell, a daughter Emelie Grace, b. Toledo, Ohio, March 2, 1904.

1067 NORMAN NEWTON^{7}, (Claudias L.^{6}, David^{5}, John^{4}, John^{3}, Joseph^{2}, William.^{1}) married Annette Barton, died East Hampton, Conn., Aug. 8, 1904; he married, 2d, East Hampton, Conn., Mar. 14, 1906, Maud Emily, dau. of Henry V. and Josephine Sophia (Hills) Barton. See 1046 of Genealogy.

1123 ANNA BARTLETT^{7}, (John^{6}, Norman^{5}, John^{4}, Benjamin^{3}, Benjamin^{2}, William^{1}.) died, Wilson, Niagara Co., N. Y., July 21, 1907.

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1125 } See 1130 of this compilation.

1130 Amos^7 Ball Hills, is authority for the following corrections:

581 Hezekiah^6, had wife Olive, her father's name was Ahijah Warren, erroneously printed Abijah.

1124 Sarah Cleveland^7, married Washington Clark Andrus, not Andrews as given in the genealogy.

1125 Sophia^7, had daughter Olive May who married Elwood Wilcox, printed Edward Wilcox. The daughter's death date given as of 1984, should read June 8, 1894.

1130 The marriage of August 24, 1904, was in Yates County; printed Gates Co.

1541 Clara Lorain^8, was born Carlisle township, Lorain Co., Ohio, printed Carlisle, Warren Co., Ohio.

1143 Elizur Samuel^7, (Tracy H.^{6}, Elizur^5, John^4, Benjamin^3, Benjamin^2, William^1.) married Dec. 10, 1873. Among his father's children (see 595 of Gen.) strike out "d." in the 3d line, and insert "m." He was living Sept. 1907.

1150 Jay^7, (Chester T.^{6} Elizur^5, John^4, Benjamin^3, Benjamin^2, William^1.) married Ola M. Fenn.

Children:

1560. Harry, b. Medina, Medina Co., Ohio, Sept. 11, 1883.
1561. George, b. " " " " Mar. 27, 1886.

1151 Kate^7, (Chester T.^{6}, Elizur^5, John^4, Benjamin^3, Benjamin^2, William^1,) married Oct. 1881, Charles H. Strock who was b. Newton, Trumbull Co., Ohio.

Children:

I. Cora Bee, b. Niles, Trumbull Co., July 21, 1882.
II. Anna Elizabeth, b. " " " Feb. 2, 1884.
III. Thomas Gillem, b. " " " Nov. 13, 1886.

1153 Col. Elbridge Romeyn^7, (Stacy^6, Elizur^5, John^4, Benjamin^3, Benjamin^2, William^1.) retired as Col. in the army of the U. S. 1907. He married Mary Teresa Fleming, erroneously printed Flemming.

1154 Aubigne Le Clue^7, (Stacy^6, Elizur^5, John^4, Benjamin^3, Benjamin^2, William^1.) as printed; should have been printed Aubigne Le Clerc.

1155 Lilia Naomi^7, (Stacy^6, Elizur^5, John^4, Benjamin^3, Benjamin^2, William^1.) should have been printed Lelia Naomi, the name of her only child Clare was erroneously printed Clara.

1303 DARWIN TODD^{8}, (Darwin T.^{7}, James H.^{6}, Amos^{5}, David^{4}, Joseph^{3}, William^{2}, William^{1}.) b. Butler Co., Ohio, Dec. 6, 1831; married Crawfordsville, Montgomery Co., Ind., Elizabeth Heaton, b. Crawfordsville, Sept. 1, 1836.

Children of Darwin T. and Elizabeth (Heaton) Hills:

1702	Clarence E.	b. Crawfordsville,	Aug. 28, 1855;	m. Susan W. Stone.
1703	Ida M.	b. "	June 3, 1857.	
1704	Ernest H.	b. Pulaski Co., Ill.,	Aug. 8, 1859;	m. Kitty L. Bell.
1705	Luella H.	b. Crawfordsville,	Dec. 20, 1861;	m. Harry R. Adamson
1706	Homer C.	b. "	April 30, 1864;	m. Clara Connard.
1707	Everett O.	b. "	May 20, 1866;	m. Jennie K. York.
1708	Howard E.	b. "	Nov. 8, 1868;	m. Kate Steele.
1709	Whitford C.	b. "	May 10, 1871;	m. Sylvia Hall.
1710	George T.	b. "	Jan. 15, 1873;	m. Rachel Everson.
1711	Jessie G.	b. "	Nov.—, 1878;	m. Charles J. Myers.

1304 HENRY JAMES^{8}, (Darwin T.^{7}, James H.^{6}, Amos^{5}, David^{4}, Joseph^{3}, William^{2}, William^{1}.) b. Miamisburgh, Montgomery Co., Ohio, Dec. 19, 1833; married Covington, Fountain, Co., Ind., July 11, 1857, Willimena DuBois, b. Franklin Co., Ohio, July 24, 1837.

Child of this marriage:

1711a. Emma L., b. Covington, April 4, 1858; m. W. E. Stanley.

1305 RICHARD MURRAY^{8}, (Darwin T.^{7}, James H.^{6}, Amos^{5}. David^{4}, Joseph^{3}, William^{2}, William^{1}.) b. Brownsville, Union Co., Ind., married Mary E. Scott.

Children of Richard M. and Mary E. (Scott) Hills:

1712	Charles T.	b.	Crawfordsville,	Ind.	July 24, 1858;	m. Harriet E. Scott.
1712a	Francis M.	b.	"	"	Feb. 11, 1862.	
1712b	Estella D.	b.	"	"	March 14, 1866.	
1712c	Mary E.	b.	"	"	June 27, 1869;	m. Julius T. Orton.
1712d	Emma L.	b.	"	"	Mar. 9, 1872;	m. Orrville C. Jarvis.

1306 REV. OSCAR A.^{8}, (Darwin T.^{7}, James H.^{6}, Amos^{5}, David^{4}, Joseph^{3}, William^{2}, William^{1}.)
For changes in the record of his children: 1715 Edward R., b. Cincinnati, Ohio., 1874, and 1716 Daisy, b. Cincinnati, Ohio, 1877; see Nos. 1715 and 1716 of this compilation.

1391 Clarke W. Hills of Jackson, Mich., reported Nov. 1906 the name of his wife and that of one of his daughters as misspelled, and

that the birth place of his daughter Clara L. (1785) was at Howell, Livingston Co., Mich. The name of Mrs. Hills printed Evanelle Ida, should be read Evanette Ione, and that of her daughter, in the genealogy as Marjory (1788), as Marjorie.

1466 Elbert Elisha^{8}, (Austin M.^{7}, Elisha^{6}, Miles^{5}, Medad^{4}, Benoni^{3}, Joseph^{2}, William^{1}.)

Children:

Irene Mae, b. Cullom, Livingston Co., Ill., July 16, 1904.
Elbert Milton, b. “ “ “ “ Nov. 17, 1906; d. Nov. 21, 1906.

1467 Levi Miles^{8}, (Austin M.^{7}, Elisha^{6}, Miles^{5}, Medad^{4}, Benoni^{3}, Joseph^{2}, William^{1}.) a daughter Blanche L., b. Herscher, Kankakee Co., Ill., Dec. 16, 1904.

1469 Henrietta Louisa^{8}, (Austin M.^{7}, Elisha^{6}, Miles^{5}, Medad^{4}, Benoni^{3}, Joseph^{2}, William^{1}.) a son, Elbert Milton Inkster, b. Herscher, Kankakee Co., Ill., July 15, 1907.

1483 Lewis A.^{8}, (Harvey E.^{7}, Lewis^{6}, Samuel^{5}, John^{4}, John^{3}, Joseph^{2}, William^{1}.) b. March 3, 1857; d. Oct. 3, 1857.

1484 Lulu Sarah^{8}, (Harvey E.^{7}, Lewis^{6}, Samuel^{5}, John^{4}, John^{3}, Joseph^{2}, William.^{1}) b. June 12, 1858.

1488 Lewis B.^{8}, (Lewis S.^{7}, Lewis^{6}, Samuel^{5}, John^{4}, John^{3}, Joseph^{2}, William^{1}.) married, May 25, 1898, Della Rene, dau. of John and Rebecca (Bushby) Daynes; a daughter Virginia, b. Salt Lake City, Utah, June 30, 1904.

1490 Edgar S.^{8}, (Lewis S.^{7}, Lewis^{6}, Samuel^{5}, John^{4}, John^{3}, Joseph^{2}, William^{1}.) married April 30, 1892, Ethel, dau. of Sylvester J. and Jennie (Bordman) Lynn; a child, Lynn, b. Pacific Grove, California, Feb. 3, 1904; d. Feb. 7, 1904.

1491 Eugene T.^{8}, (Lewis S.^{7}, Lewis^{6}, Samuel^{5}, John^{4}, John^{3}, Joseph^{2}, William^{1}.) married Nov. 23, 1897, Luta, dau. of Gilbert H. and Mary Emma (Green) Van Schoonoven.

1492 Herbert T.^{8}, (Lewis S.^{7}, Lewis^{6}, Samuel^{5}, John^{4}, John^{3}, Joseph^{2}, William.^{1}) d. Mammoth, Utah, March 4, 1905, married, Sept. 20, 1899, Julia L., dau. of Charles and Julia (Hansen) Bagley; a son Lamar S., b. Salt Lake City, Utah, March 22, 1904.

1541 See 1130 of this compilation.

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1561 Sons of JAY^{7}, (Chester T.^{6}, Elizur^{5}, John^{4}, Benjamin^{3}, Benjamin^{2}, William^{1}.) See 1150 of this compilation.

1563 ELBRIDGE FLEMING^{8}, (Elbridge R.^{7}, Stacy^{6}, Elizur^{5}, John^{4}, Benjamin^{3}, Benjamin^{2}, William^{1}.) b. Charleston Barracks, Charleston, S. C.

1592 REV. JOHN DOWS^{8}, (George M.^{7}, Horace^{6}, Elisha^{5}, David^{4}, David^{3}, Jonathan^{2}, William^{1}.) as amended, record should read b. Syracuse, N. Y., July 9, 1857; married, Burlington, N. J., Jan. 18, 1883, Clara James Rogers, dau. of Timothy and Ellen (Moore) Rogers, b. Philadelphia, Penn., June 14, 1855. John Dows Hills, graduate of Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., B. A., 1878; M. A., 1881; D. D., 1907; also D. D. Western University of Penn., 1907. Deacon, Sept. 12, 1880; Priest, June 24, 1882. Rector St. Andrews, Mt. Holly, N.J., 1882-89;. Rector St. Luke's, Tacoma, Wash., 1889-92; Associate Rector, St. Mary's, Philadelphia, 1893-98; Rector, Christ Church, Dayton, Ohio., 1899-1902; Rector of Christ Church, Oil City, Penn., 1903. Deputy to General Convention 1892, 1901, 1907.

1594 REV. GEORGE HEATHCOTE^{8}. (George M.^{7}, Horace^{6}, Elisha^{5}, David^{4}, David^{3}, Jonathan^{2}, William^{1}.) was ordained Deacon June 11, 1885, ordained Priest, May 12, 1887. Rector Holy Trinity, West Chester, Penn., 1891-1898; Rector Christ Church, St. Joseph, Mo., 1898-1902. Associate Rector St. Mark's, Minneapolis, Minn., 1903. His daughter Violet H., (not Viola as printed) was b. June 13, 1891.

1658 CHARLES WHITMAN^{9}, (Charles D.^{8}, Dudley^{7}, Silas^{6}, Silas^{5}, Ebenezer^{4}, Ebenezer^{3}, William^{2}, William^{1}.) b. Springfield. Hampden Co., Mass.; married, Boston, Mass., Feb. 20, 1906, Gertrude N., b. Boston, the daughter of Frank E. and Mary B. (Cline) Sullivan.

1700 Edwin L. Hills of Kansas City, Mo., July 18, 1906, gave record of his children at that date.

1917 Fanny Barbara, b. Wichita, Kansas, June 29, 1888.
1918 Jessie Lemaster, b. " " Mar. 20, 1890.
Beulah May, b. " " June 30, 1892; d. Kansas City, Oct. 8, 1893.

1919 Sadie Isabel, b. Kansas City, Mo., June 9, 1894.
Ida Grace, b. " " " Oct. 21, 1896.
Clara Elsie, b. " " " Feb. 28, 1898.

1702 Rev. Clarence Eugene^{9}, (Darwin T.^{8}, Darwin T.^{7}, James H.^{6}, Amos^{5}, David^{4}, Joseph^{3}, William^{2}, William^{1}.) b. Crawfordsville, Ind., Aug., 28, 1855; married, Madisonville, Hamilton Co., Ohio., Aug. 28, 1880, Susan W. Stone, b. Dover, N. H., Oct. 2, 1855.

Children of Clarence E. and Susan W. (Stone) Hills:

I. Ralph Winchester, b. Madisonville, April 12, 1882.
II. Margaret, b. " Aug. 30, 1886.
III. Robert C., b. Troy, Miami Co., O., July 17, 1888.
IV. Herbert Lawrence, b. " " " Mar. 12, 1892.
V. Mary Katherine, b. " " " Aug. 8, 1893.

1704 Ernest Herbert^{9}, (Darwin T.^{8}, Darwin T.^{7}, James H.^{6}, Amos^{5}, David^{4}, Joseph^{3}, William^{2}, William^{1}.) b. Pulaski Co., Ill., Aug. 8, 1859; married, San Francisco, Cal., June 7, 1890, Kitty Lucinda Bell, b. San Francisco, April 17, 1867.

Children of Ernest H. and Kitty L. (Bell) Hills:

1920 Margaret E., b. San Francisco, Dec. 19, 1892.
1921 Ernest H., b. " " Aug. 26, 1894.

1705 Luella Heaton^{9}, (Darwin T.^{8}, Darwin T.^{7}, James H.^{6}, Amos^{5}, David^{4}, Joseph^{3}, William^{2}, William^{1}.) b. Crawfordsville, Ind., Dec. 28, 1861; married, Crawfordsville Feb. 15, 1883, Harry R. Adamson, b. Rockville, Parke Co., Ind. June 15, 1857.

Children of Luella H. (Hills) and Harry R. Adamson:

I. Ernest LeRoy, b. Crawfordsville, Feb. 27, 1884; d. Chicago, Dec. 6, 1903.
II. Lloyd, b. " Feb. 20, 1886.
III. Frank Ray, b. " July 27, 1888.

1706 Homer Chauncy^{9}, (Darwin T.^{8}, Darwin T.^{7}, James H.^{6}, Amos^{5}, David^{4}, Joseph^{3}, William^{2}, William^{1}.) b. Crawfordsville, Ind., April 30, 1864; married, Crawfordsville, Oct. 3, 1889, Clara Connard, b. Crawfordsville, Sept. 17, 1869; d. Crawfordsville, Feb. 6, 1891; married 2d, Chicago, Ill., April 15, 1893, Ina Mars, b. Crawfordsville, March 27, 1867.

Children of Homer C. and Clara (Connard) Hills:

I. Nina Margurite, b. Crawfordsville, July 21, 1890.

Children of the second marriage:

II. Dorothy, b. Crawfordsville, Feb. 22, 1894.
III. John Mars, b. " April 2, 1896.
IV. Donald, b. " Nov. 12, 1897.
V. Elizabeth, b. " Jan. 16, 1902.
VI. Kathryne Louise, b. " Feb. 3, 1904.

1707 EVERETT ORTH^9, (Darwin T.^{8}, Darwin T.^{7}, James H.^{6}, Amos^5, David^4, Joseph^3, William^2, William^1.) b. Crawfordsville, Ind., May 20, 1866; married, Sioux City, Iowa, June 9, 1889, Jennie Katherine York, b. Aalesund, Norway, April 25, 1868.

Children of Everett O. and Jennie K. (York) Hills:

I. Orville Arthur, b. Sioux City, March 16, 1890.
II. Bertha Beatrice, b. " June 16, 1894.
III. Lucy Elizabeth, b. " June 18, 1896.
IV. Everett Orth, b. " March 24, 1898.

1708 HOWARD ELMER^9, (Darwin T.^{8}, Darwin T.^{7}, James H.^{6}, Amos^5, David^4, Joseph^3, William^2, William^1.) b. Crawfordsville, Ind., Nov. 8, 1868; married, Waynetown, Montgomery Co., Ind., March 28, 1894, Kate Steele, b. Waynetown, May 12, 1871.

Children of Howard E. and Kate (Steele) Hills:

I. Raymond, b. Waynetown, Feb. 9, 1895; d. Waynetown, July 12, 1895.
II. Mary Elizabeth, b. Crawfordsville, Sept. 18, 1903.

1709 WHITFORD CARL^9, (Darwin T.^{8}, Darwin T.^{7}, James H.^{6}, Amos^5, David^4, Joseph^3, William^2, William^1.) b. Crawfordsville, Ind., May 10, 1871; married, Lincoln, Neb., August 19, 1896, Sylvia Hall, b. Lincoln, Oct. 22, 1875.

1710 GEORGE TRACY^9, (Darwin T.^{8}, Darwin T.^{7}, James H.^{6}, Amos^5, David^4, Joseph^3, William^2, William^1.) b. Crawfordsville, Ind., Jan. 15, 1873; married, Crawfordsville, June 29, 1895, Rachel Everson, b. Whitesville, Montgomery Co., Ind., July 9, 1875.

Children of George T. and Rachel (Everson) Hills:

I. Dean Darwin, b. Crawfordsville, June 17, 1896.
II. Florence Leona, b. " Aug. 23, 1898.
III. Norman, b. " Nov. 11, 1900; d. Nov. 19, 1900.
IV. Kenneth Everson, b. " Mar. 11, 1902.

1711 Jessie Gertrude^{9}, (Darwin T.^{8}, Darwin T.^{7}, James H.^{6}, Amos^{5}, David^{4}, Joseph^{3}, William^{2}, William^{1}.) b. Crawfordsville, Ind., Nov. —, 1878; married, Golden, Jefferson Co., Col., June 3, 1903, Charles Joseph Myers, b. Crawfordsville. Feb. 22, 1877.

1711a Emma Leonora^{9}, (Henry J.^{8}, Darwin T.^{7}, James H.^{6}, Amos^{5}, David^{4}, Joseph^{3}, William^{2}, William^{1}.) b. Covington, Fountain Co., Ind., April 4, 1858; married, Wichita, Sedgwick Co. Kansas, Hon. William E. Stanley, late governor of the State, b. Danville, Knox Co., Ohio, Dec. 28, 1844.

Children of Emma L. (Hills) and William E. Stanley:

I.	Charles Albert,	b.	Wichita,	Dec. 24, 1878; d. Aug. 2, 1880.
II.	Harry Wilbur,	b.	"	Aug. 25, 1880.
III.	Harriet Eugenia,	b.	"	Aug. 23, 1884.
IV.	William Eugene,	b.	"	April 30, 1891.

1712 Charles T.^{9}, (Richard M.^{8}, Darwin T.^{7}, James H.^{6}, Amos^{5}, David^{4}, Joseph^{3}, William^{2}, William^{1}.) b. Crawfordsville, Ind., July 24, 1858; married, Bloomington, McLean Co., Ill., July 9, 1887, Harriet E. Scott.

1712a Francis Marion^{9}, (Richard M.^{8}, Darwin T.^{7}, James H.^{6}, Amos^{5}, David^{4}, Joseph^{3}, William^{2}, William^{1}.) b. Crawfordsville, Ind., Feb. 11, 1862; d. Oct. 4, 1863.

1712b Estella Dumont^{9}, (Richard M.^{8}, Darwin T.^{7}, James H.^{6}, Amos^{5}, David^{4}, Joseph^{3}, William^{2}, William^{1}.) b. Crawfordsville, Ind., March 14, 1866.

1712c Mary Eliza^{9}, (Richard M.^{8}, Darwin T.^{7}, James H.^{6}, Amos^{5}, David^{4}, Joseph^{3}, William^{2}, William^{1}.) b. Crawfordville, Ind., June 27, 1869; married Oct. 18, 1894, Rev. Julius T. Orton.

1712d Emma Laura^{9}, (Richard M.^{8}, Darwin T.^{7}, James H.^{6}, Amos^{5}, David^{4}, Joseph^{3}, William^{2}, William^{1}.) b. Crawfordsville, Ind., March 9, 1872; married June 24, 1903, Orrville C. Jarvis, b. Parke Co., Ind., Nov. 4, 1877.

1715 Edward Rowland^{9}, (Oscar A.^{8}, Darwin T.^{7}, James H.^{6}, Amos^{5}, David^{4}, Joseph^{3}, William^{2}, William^{1}.) b. Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 29, 1874. A lawyer in practice in Chicago, Ill. in 1906.

1716 Daisy^{9}, (Oscar A.^{8}, Darwin T.^{7}, James H.^{6}, Amos^{5}, David^{4}, Joseph^{3}, William^{2}, William^{1}.) b. Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 26, 1877; d. Alleghany, Penn., Feb. 5, 1879.

1755 MARY PITKIN^{8}, (Henry F.^{7}, Leonard M.^{6}, Elijah^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Samuel^{3}, John^{2}, William^{1}.) wife of Frank E. Whitman of Amherst, Hampshire Co., Mass.; d. Amherst, Feb.—, 1907, funeral at Amherst, Feb. 18, 1907.

1784 IVA M.^{9}, (Clarke W.^{8}, John D.^{7}, Benjamin^{6}, Daniel^{5}, Benjamin^{4}, Joseph^{3}, Joseph^{2}, William^{1}.) The child "Leonard Hamilton" is not a son but a nephew of Rayner Field. Strike out the line in which the name of the child occurs and in its place insert,

Children of Iva M. (Hills) and Rayner Field:

Clarke Hills, b. March 12, 1901.
Virginia, b. June 18, 1903.

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1788 } See 1391 of this compilation.

1876 MERTON W.^{9}, (George S.^{8}, Horace M.^{7}, Epaphras^{6}, Epaphras^{5}, David^{4}, David^{3}, Jonathan^{2}, William^{1}.) married, Westchester, New London Co., Conn., Dec. 10, 1902, Vera Belle, dau. of Dan and Olive A., (Hoardley) Jones and granddau. of Melissa B. Hills (see 1050 of this compilation) b. Hebron, Tolland Co., Conn., Oct. 6, 1880. Resides Gilead, Tolland Co., 1908, daughter Laura Altruda, b. Hebron, Oct. 30, 1906.

1917
1918 } See 1700 of this compilation.
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2000 GEORGE, son of —— b. —— married, Great Burstead, Billericay, Essex Co., England, Oct. 13, 1596, Mary, dau. of —— widow of William Symonds, of Great Burstead. The place where George Hills, or his wife lived after the baptism of their daughter Martha at Great Burstead in 1611 or the place or date of the death of either of them is alike unknown. The records of that parish show the dates of baptism of six of their children.

1600, July. Saray Hilles, the daughter of George, was baptized the 13 daye.

1602, March. Joseph Hilles, the sonne of George, was baptized the third day.

1604, ——. Abigaile Hilles, the daughter of George, was baptized the 30th day.

1606, November. John Hills, the son of George Hills, baptized the 16th day.

1607-8, February. Rebecca Hills, the daughter of George Hills baptized the 28th day.

1611, June. Martha Hills, the daughter of George Hills baptized the 16th day.

It appears from the following record that a John Hills had his home in Great Burstead, or living in another parish brought his son there for baptism.

1613, June, Richard Hills the son of John Hills was baptized the xxth day.

The marriage of Joseph Hills (2001 of the Gen.) the emigrant to New England in 1638, is of record in the parish register.

1624, July, Joseph Hills and Rose Cleerke ware married the 22nd day.

Ingatestone in Essex Co. adjoins the parish of Great Burstead. The parish churches are but three miles apart. It is probable that all in either parish born to the name of Hills in the sixteenth century were descendants of a not remote common ancestor. As of interest to all who trace their ancestral line to Joseph the emigrant of 1638, certain entries from the parish register of Ingatestone are here inserted.

Baptisms:

1562. 2-Sept., Edward Hills, son of John.
1564. 1-Oct., Anna Hills, daughter of John.
1567. 8-July, Priscilla Hills, " "
1571. 3-April, Lettice Hills, son of John.
1577. 30-April, Mary Hills, daughter of John.
1582. 8-May, Margaret Hills, " "
1584. ult-Sept., Joan Hills, " "
1617. 26-Jan., Richard Hills, son of Richard.
1618. 24-May, Joan Hills, daughter of "

Marriages:

1565. 30-Sept., John Hills and Joan Fynch.
1570. 9-July, Edward Hills and Elen Lorkyn.
1589. ult-Aug., Thomas Hills and Sarah White.
1591. 8-Nov., Robert Petchey and Priscilla Hilles.
1602. 17-Oct., Thomas Chalke and Joan Hylles.
1605. 27-Oct., John Fuller and Mary Hilles.

The record of the children of Gershom[2] Hills (2010), was known to be incomplete when the genealogy of the family was printed. All that was known of eight of his children was then published. Three of his daughters married and settled in Swansea, Bristol Co., in Southeastern Mass. His nephew Samuel (2033) also was of that town in 1708.

Correspondence with a Mr. John E. Shepardson of Bristol, Va., has shown that there was another Samuel Hills in the vicinity of these early settlers whose wife was Mary and whose daughter Ruth was born in July 1733. She could not have been the daughter of the nephew Samuel for he died in July 1732, nor of his son Samuel for he was not born till 1714 or married till 1739. This Ruth married Zephaniah Shepardson and the family was of Attleboro, a town less than ten miles distant from Swansea. The following record was written by Joseph Shepardson, who was born in 1760 and the original at the time of the compiler's correspondence was in possession of his grandson Thomas J. Shepardson of Saratoga Springs, New York. All other known Samuels being accounted for, it appears that the Samuel who was the father of Ruth (Hills) Shepardson was a son of Gershom and on the record given below he is so recorded.

2032½ SAMUEL^3, (Gershom^2, Joseph^1.) b. Malden, Middlesex Co., Mass., married Mary ——. Had daughter.

2032¾ RUTH^4, (Samuel^3, Gershom^2, Joseph^1.) b. July 1st, 1733; d. Guilford, Windham Co., Vt., Oct. 16, 1781.

"Births of our hon^d parents:

Zephania, son of Daniel and Mary Shepardson, was b. May the 6th, 1733.

Ruth, wife of Zephaniah Shepardson and daughter of Samuel and Mary Hills, was born July 1st day, in the year 1733.

I. Zephaniah, son of Zephaniah and Ruth Shepardson, born March 21, 1755, in Attleborough.

II. William, son of Zephaniah and Ruth Shepardson, born July 25, 1756, in Attleborough.

III. Ruth, dau. of Zephaniah and Ruth Shepardson, born Sept. 16, 1758, in Attleborough.

IV. Joseph, son of Zephaniah and Ruth Shepardson, born Oct. 27, 1760, in Attleborough.

V. Jared, son of Zephaniah and Ruth Shepardson, born July 8, 1762, in Attleborough.

Deaths, etc., of our parents and relations since they removed from Attleborough in Mass. to Guilford in Vt.

Ruth, wife of Lieut. Zephaniah Shepardson, died Oct. 16, 1781, of quick consumption, age 48 yrs. 3 ms., 17 days.

Demairs, 2nd wife of Zephaniah Shepardson, died July 28, 1797, age 64 years and 10 mos.

Lieut. Zephaniah Shepardson, departed this mortal life Oct. 16, 1804.

Lucinda, 3d wife of Lieut. Zephaniah Shepardson, died Sept. 30, 1809".

2095c Benjamin^5, (Moses^4, Benjamin^3, Samuel^2, Joseph^1.) b. Hopkinton, Merrmack Co., N. H., d. Warner, Merrimack Co.; married Molly Hoyt, who d.; married 2nd ——.

Children of 1st wife.

I. Moses, b. Warner, May 5, 1805; d. Burlington, Iowa, Jan. 27, 1875.

II. Samuel, b. Warner, ——, d. Tamworth, N. H., unmarried.

III. Nancy, b. " ——, d. Fisherville, near Penacook, N. H.

IV. Mary Eliza, b. " Oct. 6, 1808; d. Concord, N. H., Sept. 19, 1893.

V. Lydia, b. " ——, d. ——.

Child of 2nd wife.

VI. George, b. " was of California in 1849; afterwards of Australia, where it is said he died.

I. Moses^6, (Benjamin^5, Moses^4, Benjamin^3, Samuel^2, Joseph^1.) A physician, graduate of Dartmouth College, class of 1831, was of California in 1849, returned to New Hampshire, settled in Manchester; removed to Iowa, settling in Burlington. He married Elizabeth B. Clark of Northwood, N. H.

Children:

I. Margaret E., b. June 8, 1835; m. Joseph B. Neally of Burlington, Iowa, and had Edward M. who m. Florence Beardsley of Burlington, Iowa; and Lillian who m. George C. Roy of Concord, N. H., resides Tustin, Orange Co., Cal., 1908.

II. Mary Francis, b. ——.

III. Elizabeth C., b. Oct. 26, 1843; d. Jan. 27, 1867.

III. Nancy^6, (Benjamin^5, Moses^4, Benjamin^3, Samuel^2, Joseph^1.) b. Warner, Merrimack Co., N. H., m. John Bean of Salisbury, Merrmack Co., N. H., removed thence to Fisherville in the same Co., where she died. "She left 13 children, 42 grandchildren."

IV. Mary Eliza^6, (Benjamin^5, Moses^4, Benjamin^3, Samuel^2, Joseph^1.) b. Oct. 6, 1808; d. Concord, N. H., Sept. 19, 1893; married 1832, Jonathan George, b. Salisbury, Merrimack Co., N. H., Oct. 18, 1808; d. Aug. 1, 1892.

Children:

I. Susan Catherine, b. Salisbury, Jan. 23, 1834; d. Concord, N. H., July 30, 1894; m. Concord, N. H., June 1858, Rev. Samuel Roy who d. Oct. 25, 1874. They had one son George C. Roy who m. Lillian, dau. of Joseph B. and Margaret (Hills) Neally.

II. Sarah Augusta, b. Salisbury, married June 6, 1864, Dr. Charles Smith Boynton; resides Burlington, Vt., 1908.

v. Lydia^{6}, (Benjamin^{5}, Moses^{4}, Benjamin^{3}, Samuel^{2}, Joseph^{1}.) married Abner Woodman of Warner, Merrimack Co., N. H., had son Henry, who married, was in the lumber business in Montreal, Canada, "and died some time ago".

vi. George, (Benjamin, Moses, Benjamin, Samuel, Joseph.) of California, and later of Australia where it is said he was murdered. He married Abbie Sherburn of Northwood, Rockingham Co., N. H., where she was living in 1904.

2147 Jabez,^{5} (Jabez^{4}, Samuel^{3}, Joseph^{2}, Joseph^{1}.) d. in 1768, he could not have been of the Continental Army in 1775-6. The record of service in the Revolutionary war should have been put to the credit of his son Jabez^{6} (2349 of the Gen.)

2185 James^{5}, (James^{4}, Samuel^{3}, Samuel^{2}, Joseph^{1},) was a soldier of the Revolution, discharged from the army Aug. 7, 1780.

2240 Reuben^{5}, (Samuel^{4}, Benjamin^{3}, Samuel^{2}, Joseph^{1}.) His grandson Warren (3011) writes that the statement in the Genealogy that Reuben Hills "about 1784 * * removed to Warren, Knox Co., Maine"—"is all wrong, he never resided there." He removed from Danville, Rockingham Co., N. H., to Union, Knox Co., Maine, in 1802. His wife Sarah (Currier) Hills, d. Union, Nov. 1, 1835. "His first ten children were born at Hawke, now Danville, N. H."

2346 Henry Smith^{5}, (Smith^{4}, Smith^{3}, Samuel^{2}, Joseph^{1}.) Married Feb. 25, 1875, Mrs. Sarah Jane Clark, who died Cambridge, Middlesex Co., Mass., Dec. 13, 1905. The official record of her death shows her age to have been 77 years and 2 months, and that she was born in Shapleigh, York Co., Me., daughter of Darling and Maria P. (Tling) Abbott, both of whom were born in that town.

2349 See 2147 of this compilation.

2499 John^{6}, (Isaac^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Benjamin^{3}, Samuel^{2}, Joseph^{1}.) Was a surgeon in the war with the Florida Indians. He died Dahlonega, Lumpkin Co., Georgia, about 1849.

2506 Samuel^{6}, (Reuben^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Benjamin^{3}, Samuel^{2}, Joseph^{1}.) His wife Sarah B. (Rogers) Hills, d. Oct. 16, 1836.

2507 Sarah^{5}, (Reuben^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Benjamin^{3}, Samuel^{2}, Joseph^{1}.) b. Danville, N. H., Jan. 27, 1782.

2544 Isaac^{6}, (Thomas^{5}, Ezekiel^{4}, Henry^{3}, Samuel^{2}, Joseph^{1}.) married Sarah Simonds, who died June 13, 1838. He married, 2d, Dec. 23, 1838, Sally, daughter of Nathan Penniman. He removed from Waterville, Grafton Co., N. H., to Plymouth in that Co. in 1820 and died there Aug. 10, 1859. His widow died Sept. 26, 1889.

2724 Charles William^{6}, (Thomas^{5}, John^{4}, Smith^{3}, Samuel^{2}, Joseph^{1}.) was assistant postmaster at Leominster, Worcester Co., Mass. He died in that town March 4, 1906.

2761 Henry Allen^{6}, Henry S.^{5}, Smith^{4}, Smith^{3}, Samuel^{2}, Joseph^{1}.) b. Boston Mass., June 7, 1837; d. Wyoming, Hamilton Co., Ohio, April 26, 1905. He was of the 9th Mass. Battery in the Civil War; in 1868 was of Rome, Ga., and in 1872 to 1879 Chief Engineer of its fire department. In the latter year he removed to Dallas, Texas, and in 1881 to Ohio. From 1891 to his death he was Chief Engineer of the fire department of Wyoming. At the organization of the International Association of Fire Engineers in 1873 he was chosen its Secretary and was elected to that office at each of its annual conventions.

2966 Edmund,^{7} (Parker^{6}, John^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Benjamin^{3}, Samuel^{2}, Joseph^{1}.) his first wife was Ruth, daughter of John Moore; she died in 1858 leaving children, John M., b. 1844; d. 1861; Charlotte S., b. 1846; d. 1865.

2980 Vinal^{7}, (Nathan^{6}, Reuben^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Benjamin^{3}, Samuel^{2}, Joseph.^{1}) b. July 27, 1808; d. Oct. 20, 1886, not 1866 as printed in connection with his own and with the record of his father, 1208.

2981 Isaac^{7}, (Nathan^{6}, Reuben^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Benjamin^{3}, Samuel^{2}, Joseph^{1}.) married Eliza Hall.

2988 Lavina^{7}, (Nathan^{6}, Reuben^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Benjamin^{3}, Samuel^{2}, Joseph^{1}.) married 2d, Benjamin Chaples.

2992 Austin^{7}, (Reuben^{6}, Reuben^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Benjamin^{3}, Samuel^{2}, Joseph^{1}.) d. Oakland, California, July 1, 1905.

2993 Mary A.^{7}, (Reuben^{6}, Reuben^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Benjamin^{3}, Samuel^{2}, Joseph^{1}.) name erroneously printed May A. in connection with the record of her father, 2509.

2996 Minerva^{7}, (Reuben^{6}, Reuben^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Benjamin^{3}, Samuel^{2}, Joseph^{1}.) d. July 21, 1832, not 1872 as printed in connection with her record and that of her father, 2509.

2999 Calista M.^{7}, (Reuben^{6}, Reuben^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Benjamin^{3}, Samuel^{2}, Joseph^{1}.) Should be Calista Minerva.

3006 George^{7}, (Josiah^{6}, Reuben^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Benjamin^{3}, Samuel^{2} Joseph^{1}.) d. Stuart, Guthrie Co., Iowa, Mar. 24, 1907.

3008 Alden^{7}, (Josiah^{6}, Reuben^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Benjamin^{3}, Samuel^{2}, Joseph^{1}.) d. Warren, Knox Co., Maine, May 25, 1854.

3012 Ruth M.^{7}, (Josiah^{6}, Reuben^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Benjamin^{3}, Samuel^{2}, Joseph^{1}.) d. Dec. 15, 1860, not 1862 as printed in connection with her record and also that of her father, 2510.

3068 Annie E.^{7}, (Isaac^{6}, Thomas^{5}, Ezekiel^{4}, Henry^{3}, Samuel^{2}, Joseph^{1}.) married Oct. 10, 1833, Rev. John C. Fifield and lived in Plymouth, Grafton Co., N. H., till 1840.

3069 Clarinda Jane^{7}, (Isaac^{6}, Thomas^{5}, Ezekiel^{4}, Henry^{3}, Samuel^{2}, Joseph^{1}.) married Plymouth, Grafton Co., N. H., Sept. 14, 1834, Samuel Jewett Kimball, son of Joseph^{6}, (Samuel^{5}, Aaron^{4}, David^{3}, Benjamin^{2}, Richard^{1}, emigrant, b. England about 1595) and settled in Elgin, Kane Co., Ill. He was mayor of that city in 1856 and 1857. He d. there Jan. 18, 1866. She also d. Elgin, Nov. 30 1897.

3199 Alfred K^{7}, (Alden^{6}, Elijah^{5}, Elijah^{4}, James^{3}, Samuel^{2}, Joseph^{1}.) Ida Virginia, wife of Dr. Alfred Kimball Hills of New York, d. in that city May 4, 1908.

3298 Sarah Smith^{8}, (Joel^{7}, Samuel^{6}, Jabez^{5}, Jabez^{4}, Samuel^{3}, Joseph^{2}, Joseph^{1}.) d. Newton, Middlesex Co., Mass., March 22, 1907.

3316 Frank Seaver^{8}, (Harvey^{7}, Jason^{6}, Joseph^{5}, Jabez^{4}, Samuel^{3}, Joseph^{2}, Joseph^{1}.) d. Middletown, Middlesex Co., Conn., March 25, 1907.

3387 Emily^{8}, (Calvin^{7}, Ebenezer^{5}, Ebenezer^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Samuel^{3}, Joseph^{2}, Joseph^{1}.) was living Nov. 1907, at Conewango, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y.

3388 Edwin Francis^{8}, (Calvin^{7}, Ebenezer^{6}, Ebenezer^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Samuel^{3}, Joseph^{2}, Joseph^{1},) was a corporal 28th Wisconsin Infantry, serving to the close of the Civil War.

3389 Charles Spear^{8}, (Calvin^{7}, Ebenezer^{6}, Ebenezer^{5}, Samuel^{4}. Samuel^{3}, Joseph^{2}, Joseph^{1}.) served as Capt. 2d Kansas Infantry, was mustered out as Colonel 10th Kansas Veteran Vols.; was in the service over four years.

3393 Butler T.^{8}, son of Sidney^7, (Ebenezer^6, Ebenezer^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, Joseph^2, Joseph^1.) living Nov. 1907 at New Boston, Hillsboro Co., N. H., unmarried.

3401 Charles C.^{8}, (Luther^7, Gaius^6, Ebenezer^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, Joseph^2, Joseph^1.) married, Boston, Mass., July 4, 1878, Abbie Carver Kempton, who d. Boston, July 7, 1907, aged 70 years and 28 days.

3455 Philip Knapp^8, (Philip K.^{7}, Joshua^6, Joshua^5, Joseph^4, Joseph^3, Samuel^2, Joseph^1.) d. Waverly, Middlesex Co., Mass., April 29, 1907.

3498 Henry M.^{8}, (Edward^7, Samuel^6, Reuben^5, Samuel^4, Benjamin^3, Samuel^2, Joseph^1.) married Sept. 30, 1890 Cliffie May Laughton.

3510 Isaac^8, (Vinal^7, Nathan^6, Reuben^5, Samuel^4, Benjamin^3, Samuel^2, Joseph^1.) M. D., of Belfast, Maine, 1907, married Josephine Katherine Welch.

3552 Olive^8, (George^7, Josiah^6, Reuben^5, Samuel^4, Benjamin^3, Samuel^2, Joseph^1.) not Oliver as printed in her record and that of her father, 3006. She married Walter Campbell of Iowa.

3771 Frank Giles^9, (Edwin F.^{8}, Calvin^7, Ebenezer^6, Ebenezer^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, Joseph^2, Joseph^1.) married Melvern, Osage Co., Kansas, May 8, 1886, Kate Pettibone.

3772 Eva B^9. (Edwin F.^{8}, Calvin^7, Ebenezer^6, Ebenezer^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, Joseph^2, Joseph^1.) b. Westfield, Mo., Aug. 31, 1868; d. Ottawa, Franklin Co., Kansas, July 31, 1897.

3773 Walter B.^{9}, (Charles S.^{8}, Calvin^7, Ebenezer^6, Ebenezer^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, Joseph^2, Joseph^1.) b. St. Louis, Mo., July 16, 1869; d. St. Louis, Jan. 2, 1876.

3774 Louis B^9. (Charles S.^{8}, Calvin^7, Ebenezer^6, Ebenezer^5, Samuel^4, Samuel^3, Joseph^2, Joseph^1.) b. St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 21, 1873; d. Dec. 26, 1873.

3849 Cyrus W.^{9}, (Cyrus C.^{8}, Vinal^7, Nathan^6, Reuben^5, Samuel^4, Benjamin^3, Samuel^2, Joseph^1.) married Edith C. McDonald.

3852 June Katherine^9, (Isaac^8, Vinal^7, Nathan^6, Reuben^5, Samuel^4, Benjamin^3, Samuel^2, Joseph^1.) not Jennie Katherine as printed with her record and also that of her father, 3510.

3854 Maine^9, (Isaac^8, Vinal^7, Nathan^6, Reuben^5, Samuel^4, Benjamin^3, Samuel^2, Joseph^1.) not Maria, as printed with her record and also that of her father, 3510.

3882 Josie^{9}, (Ward H.^{8}, George^{7}, Josiah^{6}, Reuben^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Benjamin^{3}, Samuel^{2}, Joseph^{1}.) not Joseph, as printed with her record and also that of her father, 3546.

3885 Lilleous^{9}, (Lewis J.^{8}, Joel^{7}, Josiah^{6}, Reuben^{5}, Samuel^{4}, Benjamin^{3}, Samuel^{2}, Joseph^{1}.) not Lillian, as printed with her record and also that of her father, 3554.

3905 Mattie I.^{9}, (Rufus P.^{8}, Rufus P.^{7}, Isaac^{6}, Reuben^{5}, Samuel^{4}. Benjamin^{3}, Samuel^{2}, Joseph^{1},) d. Belfast, Maine, — 1907.

4072 Franklin Bard^{6}, (Joseph^{5}, Joseph^{4}, John^{3}, Joseph^{2}, Robert^{1}.) died Hamilton, Butler Co., Ohio, March 29, 1908, buried at Oxford in that County.

4100 Joseph E.^{7}, (John L.^{6}, William F.^{5}, Joseph^{4}, John^{3}, Joseph^{2}, Robert^{1}.) a son, Thomas Jefferson, b. Nov. 14, 1905.

4105 Lydia P.^{7}, (John L.^{6}, William F.^{5}, Joseph^{4}, John^{3}, Joseph^{2}, Robert^{1}.) a daughter, Edith, b. Jan. 4, 1906.

4107 Robert E.^{7}, (Edgar R.^{6}, Richard^{5}, Joseph^{4}, John^{3}, Joseph^{2}. Robert^{1}.) married June 1, 1905, Mae Elizabeth Prescott, who d. West Newton, Middlesex Co., Mass., June 18, 1906; a son Edgar Prescott, b. West Newton, April 7, 1906. Robert E. Hills, married 2d, St. John's, New Brunswick, Aug. 19, 1907, Winifred Wells, daughter of James Secord and Ella Elizabeth (Wells) Flaglor of St. John's.

4440 Justin B.^{4}, (Zerah^{3}, Levi^{2}, Daniel^{1}.) d. Clinton, Worcester Co., Mass., April 23, 1907.

4483 Zerah A.^{5}, (Lorenzo D.^{4}, Zerah^{3}, Levi^{2}, Daniel^{1}.) on page 588 strike out "Lucy J. (Hills)" and insert Zerah A., also strike out "Willis A. Morfe" and insert Mary F. (Parsons) Hills.

4485 Oscar L.^{5}, (Justin B.^{4}, Zerah^{3}, Levi^{2}, Daniel^{1}.) married Dela F. Kennedy, not as printed Delia Canerdy.

4486 Hazel^{6}, daughter of Edward E^{5}., (Justin B^{4}., Zerah^{3}, Levi^{2}, Daniel^{1},) not daughter of Justin B., (as printed) but granddaughter.

4487 Edward E.^{5}, (Justin B.^{4}, Zerah^{3}, Levi^{2}, Daniel^{1}.) married Montpelier, Vt., Dec. 25, 1886. Georgia A. Warren of Middlesex, Washington Co., Vt.; b. Middlesex, May 24, 1867.

Children :

i. Oren Warren, b. Nov. 8, 1891.
ii. Hazel Mildred, b. June 24, 1896.

4551 to 4556 inc. The persons indicated by these numbers have been found to be children of JOSEPH^5, son of Benjamin^4, (Joseph^3, Joseph^2, William^1.) see statement in connection with the name of said Joseph, 206 of this compilation.

4556 OLIVER S.^{6}, (Joseph^5, Benjamin^4, Joseph^3, Joseph^2, William^1.) married Mary Ann, dau. of Joel and Candace (Bowns) Clark. Her mother was dau. of Joseph Bowns, English emigrant to Farmington, Conn., about 1770.

4561 FRANKLIN B.^{7}, (Oliver S.^{6}, Joseph^5, Benjamin^4, Joseph^3, Joseph^2, William^1.) married Fanny M., dau. of Lewis^5 and Jane (Allen) Coons, son of Jacob^4, (Jacob^3, Adam^2, Philip^1, a Dutchman who settled in Taghkanick, Columbia Co., N. Y., about 1710.) Her mother was dau. of Peter^4, son of William^3, (Thomas^2, William^1,- emigrant to N. Y., about 1729, settled in Philadelphia, Penn.,) and Hannah, dau. of Zacheus Covell of Churchtown, Columbia Co., N. Y.

4564 NELLIE FRANCES^8, (Frederick O.^{7}, Oliver S.^{6}, Joseph^5, Benjamin^4, Joseph^3, Joseph^2, William^1.) at Torrington, Litchfield Co., Conn., Jan. 7, 1907, married John Rienders.

4569 MARY C.^{8}, (James M.^{7}, Oliver S.^{6}, Joseph^5, Benjamin^4, Joseph^3, Joseph^2, William^1.) married Herbert Lee of Waterbury, Conn.

4573 ARTHUR H.^{8}, (Franklin B.^{7}, Oliver S.^{6}, Joseph^5, Benjamin^4, Joseph^3, Joseph^2, William^1,) at Ansonia, New Haven Co., Conn., June 26, 1907, married Edith May, dau. of Albert N. Tryon.

4587 DELOS C., son of David, no earlier progenitor known; d: Philadelphia, Penn., Nov. 22, 1906.

4748 ELMIRA^3, (Jesse^2, Nathan^1,) b. Hartford, Washington Co., N. Y., Sept. 8, 1802; d. Watertown, N. Y., — 1869; married Rev. Lewis Whitcomb, of the Methodist Church, b. Windsor, Windsor Co., Vt., April 10, 1800; d. Stone Mills, Pamelia, Jefferson Co., N. Y.

Children :

I. Hulda, b. March 8, 1820; d. Watertown, N. Y., June 3, 1887.

II. Lucy, b. —; married Welcome Ward whose daughter Mrs. Libbie Barker resides Toronto, Ont., Canada, 1906.

4761 A transposition of names caused the person numbered four thousand seven hundred and sixty-one designated as Ezekiel, said to be a son of Zimri, to be erroneously recorded. The record as originally transmitted to the editor should have been printed Zimri, said to be a son

of Ezekiel. But Mr. Leon Clark Hills (No. 4571 of the Gen.) has proved that the tradition noted on page 620 of the family history, that connected an Ezekiel with this branch of the family has no foundation; and has identified this Zimri as that one of the name numbered 223 of the Genealogy. He was of the Vermont Regiment commanded by Col. Ebenezer Allen in 1780; of Col. Samuel Canfield's Regiment at West Point on the Hudson in 1781; pensioned as a private of Col. Starr's Regiment in Sept. 1793; recorded as a pensioner of Vermont under the Act of Congress 1818; transfered from Vermont to New York March 4, 1823. In the census of 1840 he is recorded as a pensioner, aged 77, living with his son Heman at Pomfret, Chautauqua Co., N. Y. In addition to official records Mr. Hills quotes: His. of Litchfield Co., Conn., p. 184; Conn. men in the Rev. p. 583, and Vt. in the Rev. p. p. 211-234-604. The effect of Mr. Hills' investigation and his conclusions, is that the sub-title to the group recorded on page 520 of the Genealogy must be discarded, also the nine lines including the line "children of Ezekiel and Malinda (Palmer) Hills" that follow it; and that whenever below that line the word "Ezekiel^1" occurs the word Zimri^5 must be substituted. If then in the space thus made vacant at the top of the page, a new sub-title, Descendants of Zimri Hills (No. 223), is inserted, followed by the words Children of Zimri and Millie (Catlin) Hills, the amended record will be in accordance with what the investigator found to be the lineage of those whose names fill the remainder of the page.

4925 JACOB H., son of Jacob Hills, emigrant from Germany, b. Williamsburg, Hampden Co., Mass., d. Northampton in that County, Dec. 24, 1905, survived by a widow and three children.

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Mr. Thomas Hills,

Dear Sir:

On March 21, 1905, you very kindly sent to this Library a copy of Genealogical Data published by the Hills Family Genealogical and Historical Association, which has been fully appreciated by our patrons. The Library has on its shelves, in addition to the above volume, the first to fourth Annual Report of your Association. I am wondering whether no later reports were published? If they were, can they be procured, and at what price? Any information you may give will be gratefully received.

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Dear Sir

I enclose yours of July 25th as the Secy. of our Hills Family Assn. was confined during the summer on acct of ill health - He lives and all our material was at Taunton some thirty miles from Boston. "The volumes" are now being transferred from Taunton to Boston and I have received copies of our last reports - and have made up a package of the numbers requested. When you receive it you will note that there is no eighth report with the others which came with the 5th and not with the 12th. The "genealogical Data" referred to is already in your possession was a part of and included in the report of 1902 - was the 8th of our annual series - Please accept the lot as a gift from the Hills Family. As soon as the Christmas rush is over I will forward the package by American Express

Very Truly yours

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323 K St. South Boston Mass
Oct. 20 - 1908

J. V. Cheney Esq
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Dear Sir

I have yours of the 10th inst - asking the 13th Annual report of the Hills Family Assn.

I take pleasure in mailing it and also the 14th and last report.

If you will read the last 16 lines of the 5th page of the 14th report you will see that the "Last" used in connection with it, has a double meaning before you have finished reading the 6th page of the pamphlet and that you can bind up the entire set, confident that it will not be added to. If you do this I would recommend that you cut out pages 11 to 148 inclusive of the 8th report. Those pages were printed that the errors in the original returns might be corrected and interest stimulated to furnish additional information for the forthcoming Genealogy. It served its purpose admirably; its many errors have been corrected, and the amended matter is now embodied in "The Hills Family in America." A statement to that effect on a new 11th page, (type written or M.S.S.) will save your

shelves the burden of nearly 140 pages of worse than useless matter. If you bind the reports I suggest that you bind with them the Supplement to the Hun- work which is now in your library. I send with the two last reports a copy of this Documentary Record. The opening lines of the 6th page of the 14th report explain its origin and scope.

To your suggestion that your library be placed on my mailing list – I would say that I have no mailing list as my publications are spasmodic – I am getting too old for regular work – (80 last August), but I will keep your institution in mind and send anything I may future publish – I think you already have

my The Parentage and English Progenitors
of Nathaniel Coney of Boston Mass
and
Two Country Cemeteries in New Hampshire – near the junction of Enfield, Lebanon, Plainfield and Grantham.

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They are genealogical pamphlets. If you do not have send me word and I will gladly donate them.

Very truly Yours
Thomas Hills

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